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How Major changed his tune

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- 23 May 1995

'He welcomes: the [Select... Committee] report and will vote for ... it: Spokesman for Mr Major yesterday

PM in storm over curbs on sleaze

Major supports block on fees declaration

DONALD MACINTYRE

John Major last night made clear he would vote in favour of new rules for MPs which stop short of requiring the disclosure of earnings, despite the growing threat of an embarrassing defeat at the hands of a rebel Tory minority.

The row over how the Commons should act to outlaw 'sleaze" last night turned into a full scale inter-party confrontation, which will climax on Monday night in what now promises to a knife-edge vote. Anger crupted after a Special Select Committee split on party lines over a majority Tory decision that there should be a total ban on "paid advocacy" by MPs, but that they should not have to disclose their earnings.

Downing Street went out of its way last night to make the Prime Minister's intentions clear as at Icast seven MPs indicated they were seriously considering voting with Labour in favour of full disclosure of income earned from activities connected with the membership

Although ministers argue that the report by the Select Committee goes further than Lord Nolan's report into standards in public life, by imposing a ban on paid advocacy. there was concern last night within the Nolan Committee that this still left a loophole, by making no stipulation on informal contacts between ministers and those MPs with com-

mercial interests. Downing Street said John Major would support proposals to ban cash payments to MPs for speaking up on behalf of parliamentary lobby groups - but stopping short of publication of full details of income from con-

the Government could still face a rough ride when the recommendations are put to a free vote in the Commons on Monday, with a number of senior backbenchers threatening to side with Labour.

Ministers privately admitted

But Government sources insisted there was no question of



Different approaches: John Major (left) and Lord Nolan

Labour said the Government was "ratting" on pledges to implement in full the findings of the anti-sleaze Nolan Committee. Tony Blair accused Mr Major of "caving in" to pressure from Tory backbenchers by

This is an absolute disgrace. This was a big test for the Prime Minister and he has failed it," he said. "This shameful episode exposes the Tory Party for what it is - not a political party running the country in the national interest, but a vested interest, a faction looking after itself."



rejecting Nolan's key proposal.

the Prime Minister backing down on earlier pledges to implement the original plans

Opposition parties remain determined to amend the report to force through the issue of full disclosure of outside earnings.

The Select Committee, set up to refine the original Nolan recommendations, actually went further, by recommending a total ban on "paid advocacy" for lobby groups.

The Leader of the House, Tony Newton, who chaired the Select Committee, was adamant that its proposals would bring ening of the sometimes vague rules governing MPs' behaviour.
"These are undoubtedly the

most significant changes in the rules relating to the House of Commons since the introduction of the Register of Members' Interests in 1974," he said. "They go substantially further than Nolan to address public concern relating to procedures and will do much to overcome difficulties in the

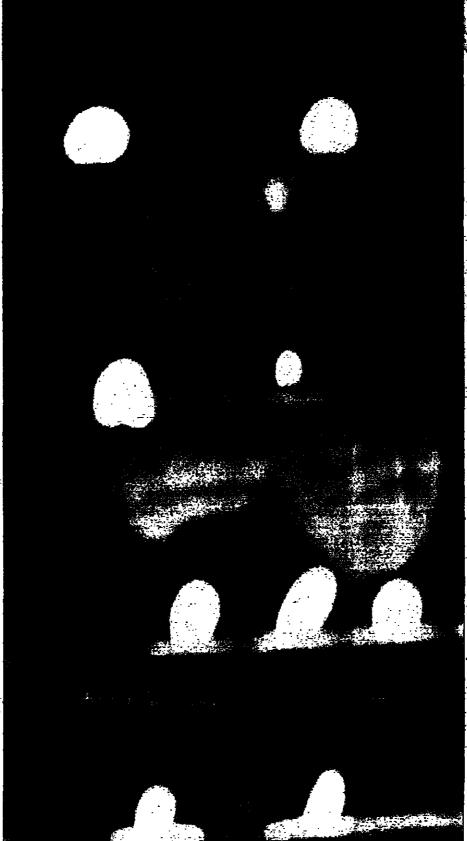
perception of politicians that have arisen.' It is understood that Mr Newton briefed Lord Nolan on the contents of the Select Committee report, immediate-

ly prior to its publication. The Prime Minister is said to believe that the committee has strengthened the rules on outside earnings by calling for the paid advocacy ban - which would stop MPs tabling Commons questions, motions and amendments to Bills on behalf

of non-parliamentary groups. Tory sources said the ban would hit MPs on Labour benches acting for unions and pressure groups as hard as those on the Government side. Mr Major was said by aides

to "strongly support" the dis-tinction drawn between payments for acting on behalf of outside bodies and for advice. He came down firmly last year against Parliament becoming a "hiring fair" of pro-fessional politicians.

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Light in the shadow of death: A Bosnian orphan prays for peace at At Paul's cathedral in London yesterday, as Croatians marked their 'day of the dead' and leaders of the warring factions met in Ohio for US-sponsored talks (Page 17) Photograph: Dillon Bryden

Call for action against

STEVE CRAWSHAW

The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Chief Emelia Anyaoku, said yesterday that he hopes for a tough stance on Nigeria, including "actions that go well beyond thetoric", when Commonwealth leaders meet in

New Zealand next week. Mr Anyaoku said he did not want to prejudice the outcome of the discussions at Auckland. But he described the anouncement this week of the death seatence on the Nigerian writer. Ken-Saro-Wiwa, as "part of the unfolding tragedy" in Nige-ria, and appealed to Nigeria's leader, General Sani Abacha, to save Mr Saro-Wiwa's life.

Mr Anyaoku, a former Nigerian foreign minister, said: "Democracy and development are not alternatives, but rather two sides of the same coin."

Malcolm Rifland, the Foreign Secretary, said he hoped that the Commonwealth conference would andicate the very strong values that are necessary to be upheld if Commonwealth mem-

bership is to be seen as some-thing which is appropriate".

Wole Soyinka, the Nobel prize winning Nigerian play-wright, has called for the threat of "withdrawal of diplomatic relations and severé economic sanctions" against the military government. There have been calls for the expulsion of Nigeria from the Commonwealth.

In practice, it is likely that the carrot will be more in evidence than the stick. The Commonwealth's hands are tied, because, as officials point out, it is "not a rule-based organisation". Even South Africa was ever kicked out but left of its own accord.

Nigeria is by no means the only Commonwealth offender against human rights. As Mr Anyaoku acknowledged yesterday, in presenting the 1995 Commonwealth Report, Sierra Leone and Gambia also remain under military rule, 'with all the consequences for internal ten-

sion and human rights". Will of steel, page 3

Forgers get last laugh over funny money

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The next time the pub landlord or supermarket check-out worker tells you your tenner is a dud, don't despair, they have almost certainly got it wrong. Most anti-forgery devices used by supermarkets, shops,

pubs and clubs to detect fake money are next to useless and can give false readings, a senior member of the national counterfeit currency unit warned vesterday. But despite the machines' limitations some police forces are continuing to recommend their use and manufacturers still sell them.

Detective Sergeant Stephen Putman, of the National Criminal Intelligence Service's (NCIS) counterfeit currency unit said: "These devices are had news because they don't work. They're a nonsense real-

ly. They are doubly unreliable found in substances such as because they can reject genuine notes and allow through counterfeit ones. Some crime prevention officers are still recommending the pens and ultra-violet [UV] lights - we tell them they are totally unreliable." In the three years to 1994,

the amount of counterfeit money circulating mushroomed by more than 200 per cent. Last year £18m was seized.
The most popular anti counterfeit currency device uses UV light to illuminate the notes. The machine, which costs from £30, is supposed to identify fakes which, unlike the genuine article, contain chemicals which will fluoresce under the light. How-

fluorescent paper.

Genuine money can also be "corrupted" if it comes into contact with the whitener, which is magnifying glass.

ever Det Sgt Putman said that

all forgers now use dull, anti-

washing powder. Last year, about £20,000 was sent to NCIS which had been wrongly identified as fake money.

The other common device used, the marker pen, is supposed to spot dud money by leaving a brown stain in reaction to starched paper. But again counterfeiters have copied the Bank of England and no longer

use paper with starch.
ACO Electronics Ltd, who manufacture UV machines, acknowledge the shortcomings. Gordon Scott, part of the com-pany's design section, said: "I could go into any shop that had an ultra-violet light machine with a fist full of counterfeit money and they would accept it." Because of the problem the company is about to pro-duce a new anti-forgery device that uses a normal light and

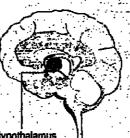
Scientists find clues to why men feel like women

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

Transsexuals may be right in saying they feel different, because they have brains more like a woman's than a man's, according to scientists in The Nether-

Dr Dick Swaab, from the Netherlands Institute for Brain Research, Amsterdam, found a part of the brain important for sexual behaviour is larger in men than in women. The region was of female size, or smaller, in six male-to-female transsexuals whose brains were examined post-mortem.

Dr Swaab said yesterday: "Transsexuals are right that they feel different. There is something different about them." He said society should accept transsexuals' requests to have their birth certificates and passports changed to reflect



what they feel to be their true gender. Holland permits official documents to be changed after

someone has had a sex-change operation Dr Swaab found that the difference in the brain persisted regardless of the person's

sexual preferences. It is related solely to whether one feels oneself to be male or female. The discovery, reported in today's issue of Nature, confirms

that the most important human

sleaze?

sexual organ is the brain. In the US, the neuroscientist Simon Le Vay showed in 1991 that a region of the brain related to sexual preference was smaller in women and homosexual men than in heterosexual males. Earlier this week, other US researchers claimed they had

confirmed there are genetic differences between male heterosexuals and homosexuals. But Marc Breedlove, a neu-robiologist from the University of California, said the lay public should not "assume that r structural difference in the

brain is the immutable signature of purely biological forces". Only if a difference between the genders were found in new born or foetal brains could i safely be ascribed to non-social

factors, he said. Dr Swaab rejected a genetic-cause, saying: "There is no indication that it runs in families,'

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Stephen Fry spoke to

the press yestereday for the first time about the breakdown that he suffered earlier this year, saying that he had even con-

Carling is captain again Will Carling was confirmed as England rugby union captain for nounced lower than expected the game against South Africa at profits and poorer sales Twickenham on 18 November growth than rivals such as and for the Five Nations' Cham-





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Weather: Most of the England and Wales will have a dry and bright but cold day. Most of Scotland will be rather cloudy and cool with drizzle.

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Nolan controversy: Storm as select committee rejects recommentations on declaration of MPs' earnings

MPs set code for their own conduct

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

The actions of members of Parliament rather than what kinds of paid outside relationships should be allowed, lie at the heart of yesterday's Select Committee report

Such a formula gets round some awkward problems of definition bequeathed by Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life recommendations, the report says. The distinction Lord Nolan had made between single-client consultancies, which he said should be permitted, and multi-client consultancies, which should not, was "especially difficult to understand", the MPs

Jain Duncan-Smith, the Tory member who pushed hardest for the alternative of a ban on paid "advocacy" - without any need to declare any outside earnings, as Nolan had recommended said yesterday the "cash for questions" affair has started the whole Nolan inquiry off but Nolan had turned out to be a

"Saying multi-client consultancies should be banned could be easily circumvented by MPs becoming directors of the individual company clients. Under our report, advocacy is out. It goes way beyond Nolan."

The approach could have some unforeseen effects. New wording to be added to the socalled 1947 Resolution, which deals with advocacy for payment, reads as follows: "And that in particular no member of this House shall, in consideration of any remuneration, fee, payment, reward or benefit in kind, direct or indirect, which the Member... has received. is receiving or expects to receive."

Some Tory MPs suggested yesterday that this could catch trade union sponsorship of Labour MPs. While members do not receive personal benefit, union funds are channelled into constituency parties or used to pay researchers, which might be construed as indirect benefit. Such a reading of the provision could limit the kinds of issues many Labour MPs could raise in the House or in questions or motions.

That interpretation appears to be cut down, however, by another paragraph of the report, saying that sponsored MPs would not be covered by the ban "if trade union donations to a constituency party are not linked in any way to the mem-ber's candidacy". Tony Blair, the Labour leader, has proposed the end of union sponsorship of in-

for a newly created select com- continue doing so, but con- and Robert Maclennan, the



mittee on standards and privileges, as advised by the newlyappointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. Sir Gordon Downey.

As it is, the paid advocacy ban will not only disappoint com-mercial lobbysists, PR firms and companies, not to mention MPs, but also organisations such as the Police Federation and charities, who will no longer be able to pay members to advocate causes on their behalf, although paid advice will still be

The activities covered by the ban (a descriptive rather than exhaustive list) would be speeches, questions, motions, introductions of bills or amendments to motions or Bills.

MPs who are paid for advise their outside interests in tracts must be properly regis-tered. MPs would have to deposit copies of the relevant agreements with the Commissioner and record them in the Register of Members' Interests.

The advocacy ban will come into effect from the beginning of the next parliamentary session, 15 November, while all contracts must have been registered by 31 March next year. That represents a Government retreat on the timing of implementation, which ministers originally pressed to be delayed until after the next election.

The real bone of contention for Monday night's debate, to be voted on under a Labour amendment, is over whether fees from agreements should be disclosed. An amendment to The future could be fraught their capacity as members of yesterday's report by the four in some cases with the help of with questions of interpretation Parliament will be allowed to Labour committee members parliamentary colleagues, could

Liberal Democrat, called for earnings to be disclosed in bands up to £1,000, £5,000 to £10,000 and thereafter in bands of £5,000, but was voted down by the Conservative majority. Labour MPs, and around half a dozen Tories so far, ar-

gue that the advocacy ban in no way obviates the need for disclosure, as argued by the committee majority.

JOHN RENTOUL

Unionist MPs.

Political Correspondent

Monday's vote on disclosure of

earnings could be extremely

close, as seven Conservative

MPs declared they could vote

with Labour, enough to wipe

out the Tory majority of eight.

This means the vote could de-

pend on the turnout of Ulster

enforcing party discipline, in ef-

fect the House will divide on

party lines. All the opposition

inal Nolan report, including its

call for full disclosure of income

related to status as MPs. The

"welcomes" the select commit-

tee report "and will vote for a

resolution which implements it.".

chief whip, said the matter was

a "clear issue of principle, and

the Prime Minister has lined up

on the wrong side of it". He said

he was "confident that all

Donald Dewar, Labour's

Large amounts of money would still be earned from advice work - and transparency was absolutely paramount if income was derived from the office as

It was also conceded yesterday, even by some Tory MPs. that the advocacy ban could not be guaranteed to be watertight

After the death on Tuesday original recommendation for of Derek Enright, Labour MP full disclosure of income, in for Hensworth, and including the whipless Sir Richard Body as a Conservative, the Tories majority is now eight.

Close vote will hang

on Ulster Unionists

The vote will turn on two factors: the number of Tory MPs prepared to vote for a Labour amendment to the select committee's recommendations, and the turnout of the opposition

Although it is in theory a said they were in favour of full disclosure were: John Biffen. Steven Day, Hugh Dykes, David parties are in favour of the orig-Martin, Richard Shepherd, Sir Teddy Taylor and David Wishire. Not all of them will necessarily vote with the opposition, "payroll" vote of 100 Governbut several other MPs were unment ministers and their aides decided, including David Nicholson (C, Taunton) who said he will follow the Prime Minister's lead and Downing Street's was "sympathetic to disclosure, statement yesterday that he but had not weighed up all the

pros and cons". Some Tories, such as Sir Teddy, a battle-scarred rebel from the Euro-revolt, want full disclosure but only after the next election - on the grounds that it would be unfair to change the rules for existing MPs. This means that Labour may have to table two amendments. The

£5,000 bands, by the end of this year. The second, designed to maximise Tory support, would bring it in in the next parliament.

Labour, the Liberal Democ

rats and the Scottish and Welsh nationalists are hoping for full attendance. Ian Paisley's three Democratic Unionists and Independent Unionist Robert Mc-Cartney are expected to vote with Labour.

But the intentions of the nine Ulster Unionists are less clear. The leader, David Trimble, and his new whip, Martyn Smith, are in the United States. They are expected back at the weekend, and it is thought unlikely their nine members will vote with the Tories.

Tory members of the select committee which turned Lord Nolan's report into a recommended ban on advocacy launched an offensive to argue that their proposals were a "better way" of achieving Nolan's objectives.

Sir Terence Higgins (C. Wor-thing), said: "Frankly we have been left to pick up the pieces
- they did not have enough time, and we dealt with problems that

INBRIEF

Soldiers 'were not illegally detained'

el to book:

A claim by three British soldiers accused of killing a young Danish woman that their arrest was unlawful was rejected by the Cypriot government yesterday.

The attorney-general, Alecos Markides, said Cypriot police had every right to detain the sol-diers in September 1994 during an alert for three men in a car who had kidnapped tour guide Louise Jensen, 23. They were stopped at a police roadblock shortly after the reported abduction and were detained because they and their vehicle fitted the description of those wanted for the kidnapping.

Pte Alan Ford, 27, from Birmingham, Pte Justin Fowler, 27, of Falmouth, Cornwall; and Pte Jeff Parnell, 25, of Oldbury, West Midlands - who were serving with the Royal Green Jackets Regiments on the island - have all pleaded innocent to charges of manslaughter, kidnapping and conspiracy to rape. The case continues tomorrow.

Fire crews strike

Army "green goddess" fire en-gines rolled back on to the streets of Merseyside after firefighters embarked on a new wave of strikes in the run-up to bonfire night. Further strikes are planned for today and tomorrow. The intensive action will give soldiers and RAF fire rescue teams only the briefest respites as they provide emer-gency cover until midnight on Saturday, which is likely to be one of the busiest nights for fire call of the year.

Women lose claim

Two black waitresses, Freda Burton, 24, and Sonia Rhule, 31, lost a racial discrimination claim after alleging that comedian Bernard Manning made them the butt of racist jokes during a performance at a Derby hotel where they worked. An industrial tribunal in Nottingham said the hotel could have done more to stop the women being exposed to the racist jokes but did not find it responsible for discrimination.

Briton iailed for life

A Briton has been sentenced by a court in Thailand to life in prison on drug trafficking charges. Brent Fraser Stirling. 26, from Perth in Scotland, was found with 1.3lbs of heroin and cocaine when arrested tast December in a sting operation organised by Thai police and agents from the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Customers see red

High street bank customers who go into the red cannot up paying hundreds of pounds over the odds for the privilege, according to the constiner guide Which? Smaller banks and building societies often charge substantially less and the guide urges switching banks if you find yourself subject to high fees. More than 40 per cent of Which? readers have switched their current account.

Lenihan dies :

Brian Lenihan, Ireland's former foreign minister, and the Fianna Fail candidate defeated by Mary Robinson in the 1990 presidential election has died.

Peter Brooke: an apology 🚟 🦥

Contrary to our report yesterday, Peter Brooke, Conservative MP for the City of London and Westminster South is not divorced nor separated. Mr Brooke is a widower. We apologise for our error.

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Labour MPs would make an effirst would give effect to Nolan's they didn't even think of." Money is new political division

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

The quickest of glances at the Register of Members' Interests encapsulates the deepening divide over the disclosure of MPs' extra-curricular earnings. Some MPs - mostly Labour - hold no other jobs; some - mostly Conservative - have several.

One part of the Commons exists on the MPs' salary of £33,189 a year; another earns far

Just how much, it is impossible to say for sure, and, if Monday's vote goes against

disclosure, may never be known. But there are indicators. Consultancies are worth

around £10,000 a year and directorships can bring in £15,000. These are only averages: a directorship can be worth much more. Lucrative share options and shareholdings can also accompany a directorship.

On top of that, MPs can be paid for furnishing introductions and bringing in new clients if their employers are lobbying and public relations firms, or a bank. Then there are fees for television appearances and

station in Suffolk.

The extent of their earning power is huge: there is no shortage of businesses auxious to employ an MP. According to one recent report, 100 MPs - 88 Tories, 10 Labour and two Liberal Democrats - earn at least £3m a year from their directorships. The Nolan inquiry into standards in public life revealed 168 MPs as having 356

Widely thought to be heading the earnings ladder are the Tory, David Evans, with his Leapsquare consultancy company: Sir Edward Heath, with his private company, Dumpton

Gap, which handles payments from his lecturing and writing interests; Geoffrey Robinson, the Labour MP, who runs his own engineering firm, TransTec. On paper, David Mellor is streets ahead of most of his colleagues, with numerous con-

sultancies and his broadcasting work. However, as a consultant his employers are not obliged to declare what he is paid. The same applies to those other regular broadcasters and

writers, Austin Mitchell and Roy Hattersley. They, too, are generally reckoned to earn far more than their MPs' salary.

journalism and lecturing. 'Perfect mum' arrested as sons found dead

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

A woman described as "the perfect mum" was arrested at her home after her two young sons were found dead in their bedrooms yesterday. They are believed to have been strangled, but the results of the post mortem will not be released until today.

Tracey Rutherford, 25, was found with wounds and taken to hospital. She was released after three hours and was last night being questioned by

Police went to her council house in Burns Road, Ipswich, children. at 9.30am after a man called to tell them the two boys were dead inside. Officers found the bodies of her sons Benjamin, 8, and Samuel, 2, in separate bedrooms. Forensic experts were yesterday examining the famiy's home as officers carried out house-to-house inquiries on

Ipswich's Whitton estate. Mrs Rutherford and her partner Dean Slowley, a chef, split up shortly after Samuel's birth

nearly three-years-ago. Mr ing toys for her children and food on their porch every day. Slowley was told by police yesterday about the death of his

next door to the family, said: What has happened is just to shocking for words. Tracey was a perfect mum. She was loving and caring and thought the world of her kids.

Mrs Souza said that nobody could understand why such a horrific" tragedy should take place. "I used to speak to her regularly. She always seemed

they never wanted for anything. Mrs Souza said that their mother would often take the children to McDonald's for a meal.

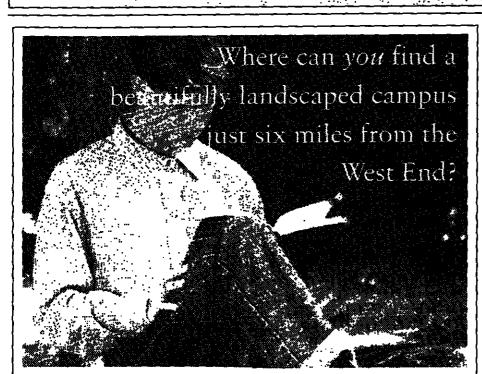
"If Ben ran out into the road [Tracey] would grab him straight away," she said. "Ben was a very pleasant little lad always happy and polite. I just cannot believe they are gone."

The family were last seen by Mrs Souza ten days ago when Benjamin told her he was going to visit his grandparents and asked her to feed their cat Jessie. She continued to put

believing the family had gone away for a half-term break.

Detective Superintendent Aldwyn Jones, who is leading the police inquiry, said: "I can confirm we are treating these deaths as suspicious. "We are trying to put together a picture of what occurred, and things are becoming clearer all the time."

Det Supt Jones confirmed that the woman in custody was released from Ipswich Hospital after a police surgeon declared her fit to be held at the police station.



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Susan Souza, 44, who lives

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Brought to book: Four authors from the Commonwealth who have dared to put their lives on the line for their art and beliefs

WRITERS ON TRIAL

author, Taslima Nasrin, one of several Commonwealth writers under threat for their beliefs, has become a symbol of the struggle in her country between secular forces and Muslim radicals seeking the establishment of an Islamic state.

Ms Nasrin fled to Europe more than a year ago amid death threats from fundamentalists. She first caused controversy with her attacks on hidebound Islamic male attitudes towards women, but the publication in 1993 of her novel Lajja (Shame), which highlighted the persecution of Bangladesh's Hindu minority,

made her a political target. Last year, she was quoted as saying the Koran should be revised. A charge against her of "insulting religious sentiments" is due to be heard in the high court this month, but she has been given permission

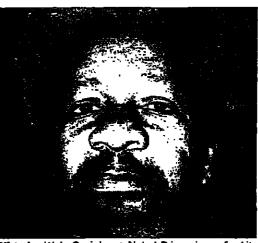




Britain: Salman Rushdie, the Indian-born writer, may be a favounte for the Booker Prize, but he remains under threat of death from the fatwa brought against him six years ago by the late Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, for his "blasphemous" Satanic Verses. Iran has backed off under international pressure, but has not repudiated the fatwa, and Mr Rushdie remains under constant protection. The Booker contender, The Moor's Last



Kenya: Koigi wa Wamwere, a former MP, human rights activist and writer, is appealing against a sentence of four years in prison and six lashes, after a trial last month in which he faced the death senwas abandoned, and Mr Wamwere was found guilty of robbery, a charge which had not been made against him. Human rights groups believe he is being persecuted for his peaceful political campaign-



Nigeria: Wole Soyinka, a Nobel Prize winner for Literature and constant opponent of military regimes at home and in the rest of Africa, protested at the death sentence given to his fellow Nigerian. Previous regimes have detained him for up to two years. A year ago, he deposited his wife and children "in a safe place" and slipped into exile, where he has formed a council dedicated to overthrowing the Abacha government.

PROFILES BY RAYMOND WHITAKER

Steel-willed playwright defies the generals



Saro-Wiwa: An all-rounder that Nigeria's military leaders would rather do

power-hungry demagogue to his critics and defender of the minority Ogoni people against the forces of international capitalism and military dictatorship to his supporters, Ken Saro-Wiwa is a playwright, poet and ecological resistance leader wrapped into one package.
It is a parcel Nigeria's mili-

tary rulers would rather do without, as evidenced by the death penalty imposed against Mr Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni activists this week in Port Harcourt. Since becoming publicity secretary when the Movement for the Surival of Ogoni People (Mosop) was formed in October, 1990, Mr Saro-Wiwa has emerged as one of the most effective campaigners against military rule and rights of minority groups worldwide.

Ironically, when Nigeria went to the polis on 12 June 1993 to elect their president for the first time in 10 years. Mr Saro-Wiwa called for a boycott of the vote, which the military later annulled. It was one example, said his critics, including former Mosop president Garrick Leton, of Mr Saro-Wiwa's re-

Yet, his campaign was never directed at the military per se, Shell, the main oil company in Ogoniland and Nigeria. Civilians and soldiers alike throughout Nigeria's 35-year history have exploited the petroleum resources and in the process polluted the lands and waters of the Ogoni and of other small eth-

nic groups on the Niger delta. Even the purest minds in Nigeria are marked by their greed for oil money and their insensitivity to the suffering of the minorities," Mr Saro-Wiwa wrote in *Genocide in Nigeria*: The Ogoni Tragedy. "Ethnocentrism blinds even the best men to injustice, discrimination, even genocide perpetrated against those not of their own

ethnic group."
Nigeria's military rulers have argued that Mosop's unveiling of an Ogoni flag meant that it was pursuing the road to se-cession, but Mr Saro-Wiwa, 54, often said his goal was a state within Nigeria with a bigger share of oil revenues and a clean environment. "We are all black but we are not one people, we

prepared to stay in the same country, it must be on the basis of social justice and equity."

Non-violence has always

been central to Mosop's plat-form and to Mr Saro-Wiwa's philosophy, due in part to his experience as the administrator of the oil port of Bonny during the 1967-70 Biafra civil war. "The world and posterity have to know that the real victims of that war were the Eastern minorities who were in a no-win situation," he wrote in his account of the conflict, On a Darkling Plain.

By 1993, however, three years of government repression was forcing a more militant faction to the forefront of Mosop. Dr Leton resigned as president and was succeeded by his vice president, the late Edward Kobani. Conservative chiefs fled Ogoniland. Saro-Wiwa supporters called them sellouts. The strains had become so severe a year later that a mob of 200 people - instigated, Mr Saro-Wiwa says, by government agents provocateurs - murdered the four chiefs, including Mr

Dr Leton has blamed Mr Saro-Wiwa for the killings and called him a "habitual liar, a person who uses the travails of his people to achieve his selfish But Mr Saro-Wiwa's efforts

a 1993 interview. "While I am have won him strong support among the 500,000 Ogonis, admiration, sometimes grudging. in the rest of the country for his defiance of the military, and international star status among human rights and environmental groups as a relentless cham-

pion of an oppressed minority. In December 1994 he was awarded an "alternative" Nobel prize by a Swedish foundation. His campaign for the social and environmental rights of the Ogoni has been taken up by State, south-eastern Nigeria.

This is the opening of Ken Saro-Wiwa's first novel, Sozaboy. The book describes in a deliberately disordered Nigerian pidgin English the fortunes of a young recruit in a civil war. The author describes the language as "having no rules and no syntax. It thrives on lawlessness, and is part of the dislocated and discordant so-ciety in which Sozaboy must live, move and have not his being."

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Body Shop. The novelist,

William Boyd, who grew up in

Nigeria, and the civil rights

crusader Jesse Jackson are also

supporters of Mr Saro-Wiwa.

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turer at the University of Lagos.

He later served as an govern-

ment administrator in River

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Although, everybody in Dukana was happy at first. All the nine villages were dancing and we were eating plenty maize with pear and knacking tory under the moon. Because the work on the farm have finished and the yarns were growing well well. And because the old, bad government have dead, and the

well. And because the old, door government have dead, and the new government of soza and police have come.

Everybody was saying that everything will be good in Dukana because of new government. They were saying that kotuma ashbottom from Bon cannot take bribe from people in Dukana again. They were saying too that all those policemen who used to chop big big bribe from people who get case will not chop again. Everybody was happy because from that time, even magistrate in the court at Bori will begin to give better judgement. And treaffic police will do his work well well. Even one woman was talk-

ing that the sun will shine proper proper and people will not die again because there will be medicine in the hospital and the doctor will not charge money for operation. Yes, everybody in Dukana was happy. And they were all singing.

Mr Saro-Wiwa has been everything from grocer and property developer to producer of a popular TV soap opera. Once president of the Association of Nigerian Authors, his writings include children's books, novels, short stories, and a collection of Ogoni folk tales entitled The Singing Anthill. A jovial man with a weak heart who loves to smoke a pipe, he looks more like a lec-

turerthan a threat to the military rulers of Africa's most populous nation. But even his strongest opponents concede he has a will of steel. "I have no doubt at all about the ultimate success of my cause, no matter the trials and tribulations which I and those who believe with me may en-

counter on our journey," he said

in a 40-page defence statement to the tribunal. "Nor imprison-

ment nor death can stop our ultimate victory. By targeting the oil sector, Mr Saro-Wiwa touched a raw nerve in the military, which has diverted billions of pounds of export revenues for its own purposes. But he freely admits that all Nigerians, himself included, are responsible for the country's crisis. "We all stand on trial, my lord, for by our actions we have denigrated our country and jeopardised the future

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Shell rules out Ogoni return over fears for safety of staff

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

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Shell yesterday said it had no plans to return to its oil wells and pipelines in the Ogoni area of southern Nigeria because it feared for the safety of its staff

We would only return if we were welcomed by the local people," said a spokesman for Shell International in London. "We're not interested in having to work there under military

Shell's Nigerian subsidiary palled out of the Ogoni area in 1993 because its staff had suffered beatings, theft, sabotage and vandalism by local people.

This stemmed, says Shell,

from the agitation of the Movement for the Survival of the Oscia People (Mosop), which wanted a greater share of oil revenues and an end to envi-tomicated damage. The move-ment called for \$10bn in compensation, rent and royalties, amounting to \$20,000 (£17,600) for each Ogoni man.

woman and child. Shell which operates 96 wells and handreds of miles of oil pipeline in the area, has had to abandon equipment worth mil-



Hot issue: A burning oil well in Nigeria's Ogoni region

lions of pounds as well as the oil reserves. It claims that damage worth about £30m has been done to four oil pumping stations since it quit.

The Ogoni area, like much of the vast, swampy Niger delta, has suffered extensive environmental damage from more than 30 years of intensive onshore oil production. Shell has the biggest presence among several oil multinationals operating in Nigeria, but all oil exploitation is done in compulsory part-nership with the state-owned Nigerian National Petrolcum

Oil provides the great bulk of the Nigerian Government's revenue and almost all the country's export earnings. There are dozens of onshore fields linked by 4,000 miles of pipeline to the

The Ogoni area is rural but densely populated, with 500,000 people living off farming and fishing in an area the size of greater London.

The biggest environmental problem is oil spills which damage farmland and contaminate waterways from which the Ogoni get fish and water. Many of the pipelines are corroded; standards."

Shell admits that this is the main cause of the more than 200 spillages that occur each year. But a quarter of spillages are due to sabotage, says Shell, and in the Ogoni area the proportion is more than two-thirds. Hacksaw cuts and tampering with valves are the main methods. The oil company says local people do it in order to claim

Another major problem is the flaring-off of the gas which comes up with the oil. The flares are hot, noisy and light up the night sky. When oil occasionally gets burnt with the gas soot is dumped on villages. Greenpeace claims that Shell

compensation or "make polit-

ical gains".

could never get away with op-erating onshore oilfields in the developed world in the way it does in Nigeria. But it is not simply a matter of riding roughshod over the environmental needs of poor, uneducated people. The physical environment is very hostile - swamps, poor roads, flooding, extreme temperatures and humidity - and so is the political one, with an incompetent military dictatorship apparently uninterested in enforcing environmental

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Comedy actor contemplated suicide as he turned fugitive and left West End role. Now he is working in film and TV again

Fry saved from abyss by thoughts of his family

Stephen Fry spoke yesterday for the first time about the breakdown he suffered earlier this year, saying he had considered committing suicide.

Referring to his dramatic exit from the West End play Cell Mates, he also criticised the show's producer, Duncan Weldon for suing him for £500,000. "He does not accept medical

reports that make it quite clear that I was not a well person," said Fry.

The comedian and actor was speaking to journalists for more than half an hour, before being reinstalled as Rector of Dundee

University. He said that ultimately it was the thought of hurting family and friends which pulled him back in the days when he was alone in Europe. He has since undergone psychotherapy in the US.

ing to work with cameo roles in TV and film. He was also getting back to writing.

Looking slim and fit, having lost two stone and begun training at a gym – and with his once dyed blonde hair now a brown colour, called Chocolate Kiss, he said he was ready to take on the future. But he would not be working and pushing himself as much as in the past.

The pressures of working non-stop in entertainment for so long had contributed to him reaching "crisis point" when he got bad reviews in Cell Mates.

It was a general feeling of complete unhappiness, he said. "When you get just a com-plete sense of blackness, a void head view that somehow the future looks an impossible place to be, and the direction you're going seems to have no purpose. There is this word, desnair. which is a very awful thing to

He was now feeling much feel," he said. Asked if he had better, he added, and was start- contemplated suicide he said: "Yes, of course, if one is hon-

est, yes absolutely."

He refused to describe the crisis moment, saying it could be something he would write about in the future, but the thought of family and friends pulled him back from the edge.

"It seems a rather negative thing that the only reason to consider carrying on having a pop at living is so other people don't get upset, but it is a good enough reason. One is reminded of the Dotothy Parker line, you might as well live. I hasten to say I do not feel that kind of black at the moment."

He added referring to himself: "You look at your life and say it is hopeless when in fact it is not hopeless. You've got friends, enough money to take time to do things, far luckier than many other people. It was an absurd over-reaction. There is no ignoring that."



Pulling power: Stephen Fry is taken in a carriage, drawn by students, from Dundee City Square to the University yesterday

Trial: Rosemary West was 'not worried' by stories of a body under the patio

Family tale held truth about Wests' daughter

A family story that Heather West was buried under the patio at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, emerged during a row between the West children Rosemary West told Winches-ter Crown Court yesterday. Mrs West admitted that she

Mrs West also said vesterday that she might "pay dearly" for being involved with her husband ago. She insisted that her memry of the attack on Caroline Owens in 1972, for which the Wests were subsequently convicted and fined, was unclear.

Mrs West, 41, is pleading not guilty to the murders of 10 garls and young women whose remains were found at 25 Cromwell Street and at the Wests previous home in Gloucester. Mr West, who was charged with 12 murders, was found dead in his prison cell on 1 January this year.

Under cross-examination by Brian Leveson QC, prosecuting yesterday, Mrs West told the court: "I would like to say that there was an incident with Caroline Owens. It was a mistake in my life, obviously now I tremendously regret it. I am going to pay dearly for this one mistake I made in my life. But the fact is ... I am on trial for murder, not indecent assault."

On her third and final day in the witness box Mrs West told the court that her memory of the attack during which Mrs Owens was stripped, bound, gagged and sexually assaulted vas "practically non-existent". "It was something that I

wanted to forget and put completely out of my mind. It was very traumatic. As far as I was concerned it was something that had been dealt with in court." Asked if she recalled gagging Mrs Owens with tape, Mrs West replied "No sir, I was too terrified at the time."

Mr Leveson said: "Let me make it abundantly clear. This was the start of your career sex-ually abusing girls wasn't it?" Mrs West replied: "No, sir." Mrs West denied knowing

Lynda Gough, whose remains were found at 25 Cromwell Street, and said that it was not she and Mr West that Lynda's mother had spoken to when she said she went to 25 Cromwell Street to look for her daughter. Mrs West told the court that

she had never seen any of the five girls whose remains were found in the cellar at 25 Cromwell Street and who the prosecution alleges were bound, gagged and kept alive while they were sexually abused. Mr Leveson asked her if she

would like to see a photograph of the gag found with the remains of Lucy Partington, one of the five. Mrs West replied "No thank you, I have seen enough of the horror thank you." Mr Leveson said: "You were involved in her death as in

the others." Mrs West replied: 'I didn't kill anyone." She broke down and wept as Mr Leveson asked her why she had at first denied that she knew Shirley Robinson, a lodger at 25 Cromwell Street whose remains were found in the garden with those of an unborn child.

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Mr Leveson said: "You knew had been appalled by the story which was blurted out by Anne Marie Davis, her stepdaughter, and then passed on to her by two of her children.

Mrs West admitted that she had been appalled by the story which was blurted out by Anne Marie Davis, her stepdaughter, and then passed on to her by two of her children.

Mrs West admitted that she had been appalled by the story were talking about. Mrs West replied "No sir. I was very shocked, I was in a state at the time." She said that she knew Shirley was pregnant but was Shirley was pregnant but was not aware that Mr West was the father. Mr Leveson said that her Frederick in a sexual assault on husband had taunted Mrs West, a woman more than 20 years saying that he had made another woman pregnant and that that humiliating. He said: "This time - no sexual abuse, no binding, no mask, just kill. You were fully involved in that weren't you?" Mrs West replied: "No sir. The girl was pregnant sir, I could not kill a baby. I would not kill anybody. It took a really sick mind to do

something like that." Asked about evidence that



murdering her daughter

she had given conflicting explanations for her daughter Heather's disappearance, Mrs West said: "It's all very well for someone to say I said this or I said that. I am the one in the spotlight. Fred West is dead and I have got to take responsibility for what he has done.

Mr Leveson said: "What is happening, Mrs West, is that it is not everybody dumping everything on you it is you dumping everything on Fred West." Mrs West replied: "Fred is responsible for these murders. I wasn't mixed up in murder, especially of my own daughter."

Mr Leveson asked her if she had ever gone to the police or any other authorities after Heather's disappearance. Mrs West said she had not, but she had kept an eye out for her in Gloucester. Mr Leveson suggested that in doing so she was hoping that Heather's murder had all been a "bad dream" and that her daughter might still be alive. Mrs West replied: "No, sir."

She also said that the remark about Heather being huried under the patio did not worry her because it was said in a fit of anger by children. The trial continues tuda

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Newspaper turmoil: Resignation compounds problems of once-dominant titles faced with fierce competition and rising costs

Editor quits in new blow for ailing Express



MATHEW HORSMAN

The Express group of newspapers, once Britain's most successful and influential mass market titles, was yesterday plunged into yet deeper turmoil, on news that Sir Nicholas Lloyd, editor of the Daily Express, will resign at the end of the month.

This marks the latest chapter in the decline of what were once the legendary Lord Beaverbrook's crown jewels, in recent years starved of investment and dogged by a price war and rising newsprint costs.

It is understood that Sir Nicholas' decision to leave was prompted by efforts by Lord Stevens, chairman of the newspaper's owners, United News and Media, to hire a new editor in the group which also in-clude the Sunday Express and the Daily Star.

Last month, Lord Stevens was said to have flown to New York to offer the job to Martin Dunn, former editor of Today



Change over: Outgoing 'Express' editor, Sir Nicholas Lloyd (left), and possible successor Kelvin Mackenzie

and now editor of the New York Daily News. Mr Dunn declined the offer, believed to be worth £300,000 a year.

Sir Nicholas's departure fuelled speculation over a successor. Kelvin Mackenzie, head of Mirror Television and former editor of the Sun, was said last

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taking a job at the Express, despite press comment.

Express insiders insisted last night that no successor has been chosen. That would suggest Sir Nicholas decided to

leave of his own accord. Circulation of the Daily Express has declined by 6 per cent in the last year alone, to about

1.2m. Sir Nicholas had been under growing pressure to re-verse the trend. Earlier this year, the Express group announced 220 redundancies and said it would seek additional costs savings. The move was seen as a first step toward preparing the titles for eventual sale.

But yesterday's announcement was seen as an indication that Lord Stevens had no plans to sell. "He has clearly decided to make a go of it, and he is looking to bring in someone to improve the titles," said a senior industry executive.

Despite the denials, speculation continued last night. The secretive Barclay brothers are mentioned as would-be buyers of the titles, as was Tony O'Reilly, owner of the Irish Indepen-

dent Newspapers, and part-owner of the Independent Alternatively, United Media might choose to work more closely with other national newspapers to develop jointly operated back office, printing and production facilities.



Once proud: The Express's former Fleet Street building

More legal humiliation for Howard

ANDREW BROWN

In the latest legal humiliation for the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, the High Court yesterday ruled that his decision to ban from Britain the such ceremonies, according to Rev Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, was "unlawful by reason of procedural unfairness".

Mr Justice Sedley confirmed that the Home Secretary did have the power to exclude Mr Moon, founder of the sect known as Moonies, if he concluded his presence would not be conducive to the public good. But this power could only be exercised after Mr Moon had had an opportunity to put his defence, which in this instance Mr Howard had not allowed him.

This is precisely the most unpopular applicant for whom the safeguards of due process are most relevant to a society which acknowledges the rule of to extend his eighth visit here. the law", the judge said.

The Mr Moon, 75, had been due to address a crowd of around 1,100 in a conference centre in central London on Saturday. His movement claims about 700 full-time adherents in Britain and 4 million round the world. It is financially active and successful: the Charity Commissioners estimate that 60 businesses in this country are connected with it. In America the church owns a conservative newspaper, the Washington Times, and a fishing fleet.

It is a syncretistic religion

which combines elements of Christianity, Confucianism, and Buddhism; and is most famous for mass marriage ceremonies. Some 750,000 people around the world attended the last a spokesman for the church. George Robertson. But only about 10 per cent of these were actually believers, he said. The others were members of different faiths who wished to

reaffirm their marriage vows. The church has been the subject of a sustained propaganda campaign for supposedly brainwashing converts. However, research quoted in the Home Office's own guide to new religious movements shows that few of the young people attracted to the cult actually join it; and of those who do, over 90 per cent leave within two years.

Mr Moon was first excluded form this country in 1978, when he was refused permission In the Eighties, he served 11 months in an American jail for tax evasion. Permission to visit was granted him cember 1991 and July 1992, but he took no advantage of either

A Home Office spokeswoman said yesterday afternoon that the Home Secretary's refusal of entry clearance still stood. "However, on a procedural point the judge said it was open to the Rev Moon to make further representations to the Home Office, which we would

Judge defends controversial law reforms

STEPHEN WARD Legal Affairs Correspondent

legal advisers yesterday strongly defended divorce, domestic violence, and right-to-die reforms against criticism by Tory backbenchers.

backbenchers.

Alerted by a virulent campaign in the Daily Mail, the MPs have criticised the independent Law Commissioners for what they see as peddling a hidden agenda of liberal values behind the backs of Parliament.

In the the latest phase of the campaign, the Mail attacked proposals from the commissioners in a 250-page report published in March which recommended patients should be ommended patients should be able to make "living wills" that instruct doctors that they should not be kept alive if they become mentally incapable, or should beable to appoint a relative or lawyer to decide if they are unable to decide for themselves.

Mr Justice Brooke, a High Court judge coming to the end of his three-year term as chairman of the Law Commissioners, pointed out that every conceivable interested group had been involved in five years of discussions before the report was published in March.

More than 40 groups, including critics, took part in working parties, and more than 100 organisations and experts responded to consultation pa-

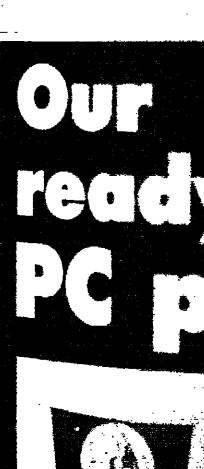
pers. "Nobody who conceivably might have responded is missing. The idea that it is just pres-The head of the Government's sure groups is rubbish," he said. The changes proposed were not altering the law, but clarifying it, or giving a simpler

> was too slow or expensive. However, he welcomed the debate that the Mail had provoked. "These are difficult issues. As long as the public debate is well-informed, or even if it is not, this is what freedom of speech, and freedom of

remedy where the existing one

the press, is all about." The Lord Chancellor, the Home Secretary, the Health Secretary, the Social Security Secretary, and officials from their departments have all been involved in the discussions. There is also likely to be a period of public consultation.

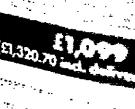
Lady Olga Mariland, the Tory MP who helped force changes last week to the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill, renewed her attack yesterday on the divorce pro-posals. The Law Commission are living in another world. The more we learn about what they are proposing, the more I realise we should not allow boffins to dictate our lives. Bravo to them for putting forward ideas, but my goodness, it does not mean we are obliged to accept them. I think they are living on another planet."















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Education Secretary: A tricky spending round and the nursery vouchers scheme have put Mrs Shephard centre-stage again

All options open for the Cabinet Houdini

JUDITH JUDD and DONALD MACINTYRE

Who is Gillian Shephard? After 45 minutes' interview it is hard to know.

Is she the leftish champion of more public spending on state schools, or the rightish proponent of radical and controversial schemes for vouchers and more Government-funded places in private schools? Does she want a Whitehall takeover of schools, or will the former local authority schools inspector be true to her past?

She weaves her way, Houdini-like, through determined attempts to pin her down, with a lightness of touch that must be the envy of her male colleagues. Very occasionally she has to pause to construct a diplomatic reply.
What is it like being in a mi-

nority of two (women) in the Cabinet? She literally bares her teeth. The gleam in her eve is unmistakable. "Debate," she begins, "is conducted in a very male way. There a delight in confrontation rather than in a cool examination of the issues, but when it comes to it. of course, a sensible accommodation is reached." There is another pause. Then, as though she feels she has been unduly fair to the assembled Cabinet suits, she goes on. "I always find the substance more interesting than the mode in which it is being conducted" - another pause, then getting bolder -"that's my view, perhaps by contrast with some of my col-

Translated, that presumably means that it is absolutely infuriating to have to listen to a lot of pompous men showing off and scoring points off each other when we should be getting on with governing the

country.

Mrs Shephard's male colleagues are much in her thoughts at the moment. She is battling with Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. cation. But, whatever she thinks due to start next February, is a and vacated the "one nation" Major premiership and leaves about their mode of argument. flop. "It won't be a flop." But territory to the Opposition. all her options wide open.

she is conventionally tightlipped about the substance of her discussions. Education needs to be "convincingly" resourced. So will she settle without a direct appeal to Cabinet? "I don't know." Is she worried

as she locks horns with the Treasury over spending - that her party has been allowed to become too greedy for tax cuts? I am absolutely certain that the Chancellor will not produce a budget that is not in the longterm interests of the economy. What he will do is produce a budget that does the right things. From everything that he says you can judge that that is

The Prime Minister is backing her fight to make education a spending priority. On other issues, however, there are reports of differences between her de-

only three London authorities have signed up. "And Norfolk." she insists, though the county maintains it has agreed only "in principle". "In Norfolk, parents will be enchanted to be in possession of vouchers that will enable them to shop around. Their children will have the right to three terms of education before they are five, whereas be-

fore they may have had one." In short, she and the Prime Minister are united in the belief that everyone must get the best in education. In this country, she says, we have been embarrassed to talk about what we think education can do for a nation. For the first time, thanks to the vigorous controversy generated by the Government's

reforms, there is a genuine interest in education in Britain. "In France, it has always partment and Downing Street. been possible to compliment

I always find the substance more interesting than the mode in which it is being conducted

A year ago she was saying vouchers were "cumbersome" and opt-out schools seemed to be a secondary concern. Now, she is running a nursery vouchers pilot scheme and talking about ways of allowing all schools to become grant-main-

The reason, many believe, is

John Major's insistence on a more right-wing agenda in education than she would choose if left to her own devices. So is there a split? Is Downing Street or her department running education? The smile again. There is not a cigarette paper between us," she says with a twinkle. "I do welcome the Prime Minister's involvement in education." She says she no longer has, if she ever did, "Napoleonic tendencies"; on choice and diversity she is foursquare with Mr Major. As for vouchers, she speaks of them with the enthusiasm of the con- in Labour's charge that the

someone by saying 'you are very well-informed or very intelligent'. Such a compliment is only beginning to gain currency here. In the past, it was what you said to someone who you found hideous."

This is persuasive; but it doesn't answer the question of which wing of the party she is coming from. There are those who think that she regards as unrealistic the increasingly fashionable Tory objective of shrinking public expenditure to well below 40 per cent of national income. Not so, it seems. "I think it is realistic, but you can't deliver it quickly in a democracy like ours." Peter Lilley's achievements in "shrinking the base" of social security spend-ing while continuing to help the most vulnerable, is "remarkable and rather unsung"

In general, though, doesn't she think that there is something

Isn't the revolt threatening Lord Mackay's Divorce Bill an example of the right-wing tail wagging the dog? Well, it would be "wholly inappropriate" for her to comment on divorce as the Lord Chancellor discusses his Bill with colleagues. But overall. John Major had set out very clearly "where he stands and where we stand".

"Of course, one nation Toryism is very important and he did put it at the centre of his [conference] speech. But what he also made clear is that his views on Europe, on monetary union and a single currency, on a firm but fair immigration policy, might by some be labelled as right-wing, but they would also be labelled by our supporters in the country as very

Hang on. A firm but fair immigration policy? Hadn't she she been conducting a ferocious and comprehensively leaked - correspondence with Michael Howard, opposing his plan to penalise employers of illegal immigrants? Again, the charming if, this time, slightly steely smile. "You must be talking about a stolen document." Stolen or not, it had still exposed her strongly held views to the wider electorate had it not? "I don't comment on stolen documents. It isn't a thing I do. What you can expect is that when a policy is being prepared there always collective discussion."

So there you have it - neither identifiably left nor right. Are there the makings here - as some Tories now believe - of a figure who could unite both wings of the party in succession to John Major? After all, if you had said, in 1973, about another woman Secretary of State for Education that within two years she would be leading her party, most Tory grandees would have scoffed with disbelief. So could she, too, become the leader? "John Major will lead the party up to the next election and beyond and well into the next century. I'm a bit too busy for hypotheses." It's an answer which almost certainly exaggerates the longevity of



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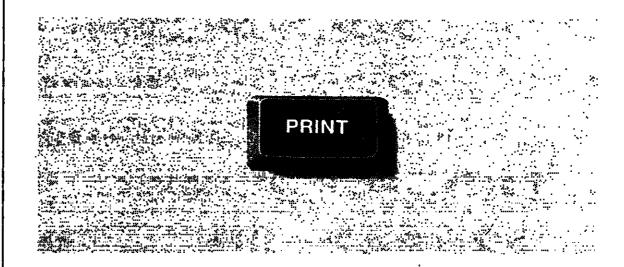
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People waiting to catch the number 52 bus from a shelter m London's Knightsbridge yesterday were unimpressed with the publicity for "television from the other side".

"It's bad enough waiting for a bus without the bus stop talking to you," said Janet Concoran. 51, from Ealing, west London. "If it told you the times of buses that would be a bit better ... I think it's probably going to get kicked in."

Another agreed. "It makes me very annoyed. I don't like to be disturbed when I'm waiting

Chris Berry, Adshel sales director, said: "I hope that we'll be able to provide passengers with a little light entertainment during their wait for the next



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Son 'thought scheme to boost shares was legal'

Kevin Maxwell spent more time watching Oxford United play football than he did on pension fund business, he admitted

"Do you regard that as dis-graceful?" asked Alan Suckling QC, prosecuting at the Old

Although Mr Maxwell, then chairman of the club, denied this, he said that if he could turn the clock back there were a lot of things he would have done differently. "There is a lot I regret about my conduct."

In his 13th day in the witness box, he admitted that he spent about 30 minutes a week on Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM) business, in-volved in the administration of pension funds.

Quizzed by Mr Suckling as to whether he had ever studied Imro's rules on pension funds he admitted: "I am afraid I did not ... I relied on others." He delegated the implementation of the rules to BIM. Mr Maxwell and Mr Suckling

frequently clashed during the hearing, first of all when the prosecutor questioned him about the meaning of trust in relation to the pension funds.

Mr Maxwell said he did not know the legal meaning of the word trust but he agreed that he

knew the funds were being held for the benefit of the pensioners and for no one else's, and that he had a duty to act as a BIM director with that in mind. Dealing with a share support scheme mounted by his father to fend off what he perceived as an organised bear raid on

Maxwell Communication Cor-

poration (MCC) shares, Kevin

Maxwell said he had been told the scheme was legal. It involved channelling money from MCC through the Robert Maxwell Group to off-shore funds to buy back MCC shares in the hope of pushing

up the price. Up to £150m had been spent on share support and the other directors had not been told about it although his father had told him he had taken ad-



Suckling suggested the reason directors was that he would not dare, his son replied: "I don't think my father was afraid of anyone or anything ... he just didn't think he needed to

explain."

Kevin Maxwell said he too had sought advice about the scheme but admitted he had not revealed the full details of it to the lawyer he consulted.

Mr Suckling asked: "Did you have something to hide?" Mr Maxwell said: "No, on the contrary, you don't go to a lawyer to seek advice on what you are worried about if you are hiding something." Pressed or the wool over your eyes or anyone else's eyes. I take very seriously the process of giving evidence and I am not lying to

He told the court that in his view his father's decision to use private money to support MCC lethal". He had argued against it but his father was unmoved.

He denied the suggestion that the group was in "desperate straits" in 1991. Although there were liquidity problems and it was "going through chop-py water" the group's assets were worth billions. Before the crash his father's holdings were worth more than £Ibn.

Brothers Kevin and Ian Maxwell and Larry Trachten berg deny conspiracy to defraud the pension funds by misusing shares. The case was adjourned



Kevin Maxwell: 'Relied on others' to check pension rules

Companies shift to flexi-workers

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Official figures reveal a massive shift towards a flexible British workforce with the number of temporary employees shooting up by more than 40 per cent in three years.

The growing demand for flexibility by companies has meant that the number of temporary workers now stands at nearly 1.7 million, the latest Labour Force Survey shows.

Unpublished statistics from the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux (NACAB) also reveal a growing "feel-bad" factor among the new flexible workers. The organisation's centres all over Britain have seen a 31 per cent rise in inquiries relating to employment since 1983, and in the last 12 months nearly 700,000 people complained.

Sean Roberts of NACAB, interviewed for BBC2's Public Eye programme which is being televised at 8pm tonight said that people were "paying the price" for the greatly deregulated labour market. "This idea of flexible working means that people are losing rights they used to have. There is no prof-

ection now against low pay." The right wing Institute of Directors is also showing signs of concern. Ruth Lea, head of policy at the institute, told

BBC2 that flexibility gave Britain a distinct competitive advantage. However she conceded that some employees had been victims. "What has tended to happen is that people with relatively few skills have found the labour market working against them because there were too many of them [look-

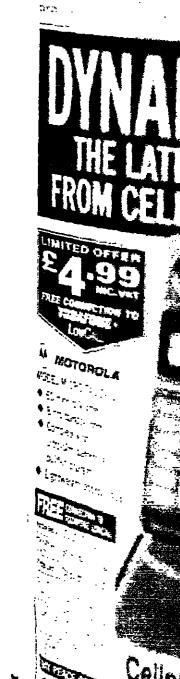
ing for the same work]. But Ms Lea opposes a statu-tory national minimum wage as planned by the Labour Party. If the minimum wage were put at anything like a reasonable figanything like a reasonable fig-ure, say £4 an hour, then in-evitably that will start to price people out of jobs, especially where people are paid badly."

John Monks, general secre-tary of the TUC, told Public Eye

that "zero-hours contracts" were becoming more popular, where employees are kept on call but are only paid when they work. He said that companies were taking advantage of high unemployment in many parts of the country, and that zerohours contracts were clearly

exploitative. Mr Monks added that unemployment was rising in some of the sectors where low pay was prevalent and, at the same time, wages were falling. People worked long hours, but

remained in poverty. The taxpayer, he said, was subsidising, had employers through the benefits system. Weather be



Tumim saves his parting shot for Howard

Penal policy: After eight difficult years, the Chief Inspector of Prisons has cleared his desk and spoken his mind

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

Judge Stephen Turnim yesterday ended his eight-year stint as Chief Inspector of Prisons, A head-on clash over penal policy with the Home Secretary is said to have ended his career as the guardian of prisoners' rights and conditions

But as he went to clear his desk on the 10th floor of the Home Office, Judge Tumim denied suggestions that the prison reform battle had been forever lost to Michael Howard's "tough, austere and prison works" agenda.

The pendulum will swing back again," he said, adding in what will be seen as a final swipe at the Home Secretary. "It may not be until after the election. but remember, that is only a year or so away."

Judge Tumim has always publicly sought to play down the rift between himself and the Home Secretary, but sources close to the 64-year-old former county court judge said he so valued and believed in his work that he had been personally "hurt" by Mr Howard's decision not to renew his contract.

There is no doubt that the constant drip, drip of one of his critical prison reports after another - coupled with the ability to grab headlines with blunt language - had clearly annoyed the Home Secretary. Whereas previous inspectors' reports barely troubled the media, none could reject those which, for example, labelled Dartmoor "a dustbin". Brixton "a corrupting and depressing institution", and Armley "a sub-culture of selfdestruction". In his eight years he has graphically detailed the appalling plight of the mentally-ill in Brixton's notorious F-Wing and of the babies of Holloway mothers not allowed to crawl on cockroach-infested floors. The Prison Service was forced to act.

But even more embarrassing for a Home Secretary, anxious

der credentials, was when Judge Tumim criticised poor management, drug-ridden jails and security failings. Matters came to a head over the Parkhurst fiasco, when Judge Tumim said had written to the Home Secretary and Derek Lewis, the

warning of lax security at the jail. only weeks before the breakout. There is also no doubt that his relentless campaigning has vastly improved the lot of the country's 52,000 prisoners. Yesterday, Stephen Shaw, of the Prison Reform Trust, said he had been a "unique and pow-

What Tumim said...

March 1990, after his inspection of Brixton jail; "This is a corrupting and depressing institution, in par-ticular for the unconvicted in the principal remand centre for London and the South East of England.

September 1991, after inspecting Dartmoor Prison: "It is not to be treated as a dustbin to hold prisoners no other institution wants to

January 1995, after the Parkhurst escape: "There is lack of high morale in the Prison Service. There is a feelng - I am sure wrongly - that they are not going to cope and there is a crisis of confi-

February 1995, on widespread drug abuse in Styal women's prison: "Womer are entering as shoplifters and leaving as drug addicts."

October 1995, on the Learmont inquiry into the Parkhurst escape: "It's the road to the concentration camp if you go too far along it and it's quite wrong, it's morally wrong."

to prove his tough law and or- erful catalyst for change, raising public awareness of condi-

tions in many prisons. He was tireless in his demands for more active regimes for prisoners, for more education, more work, better health care, treatment and rehabilitation programmes. He made then head of the Prison Service, overcrowding a dirty word. And he rightly takes credit for ending the unhygienic practice of "slopping out" by persuading the Government to introduce

in-cell lavatories. His faults, according to those inside the service, as well as out, were that he personalised the work of the 20-strong prison inspectorate too much and that he was oblivious to some key prison issues - like racism.

Judge Tumim sat on Lord Woolf's inquiry into the Strangeways riot, which adopted his humanising approach. And for a brief period, its recommendations, to take petty offenders out of jail in order to enable resources to be put into them to make them more constructive and rehabilitative, found their way into Conservative criminal justice policy. It was short-lived. Since Douglas Hurd left the Home Office in 1991, successive Home Secretaries have reversed the re-

forming agenda.

Judge Tumim knew he was losing influence when he was overlooked for leading the various inquiries into riots and escapes, which traditionally he has carried out. The Wymott disturbances, followed by the Whitemoor and Parkhurst escapes were all given to others

Now, as Judge Tumim goes off to write a book, the question is who Mr Howard will appoint to take his place. There are concerns among the reform lobby, shared by Judge Tumim, that the Home Secretary may appoint a more pliable inspector. "The need for independence has to be born in mind by Ministers as by Inspectors, if the system is to work." said the judge.



Judge Turnim: 'The pendulum will swing back again. It may be after the election, but that is only a year or so away'

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Weather boosts tourism

lure a record 2.87m overseas last year. tourists to Britain in August the highest total for any month, it was announcedyesterday.

The big increase means 1995 is set to be a record year for foreign visitors.
The August visitors spent a

record for the month of £1.46bn - compared with £1.43bn in August 1994, according to figures from the Central Statistical

The August influx means that more than 15.72m overseas tourists visited Britain and its attractions in the first eight months of the year - 11 per cent

Scorching summer heat helped more than in the same period economy and potential for The figures indicate that the

record annual total of 21m, set last year, should be comfortably Foreign tourists have spent

£7.52hn so far this year - 12 per cent more than in the January-August period last year.

Virginia Bottomley, the Sec-retary of State for National Heritage, whose department takes overall responsibility for overseeing and developing the lucrative tourist industry, said: These figures are hard evidence of our success in attracting visitors and the boost to the

more jobs. have long brought visitors to the UK. Now there are new factors, such as the end of the global recession and advantageous ex-change rates. We must make full use of them.

The Confederation of British Industry would debate tourism at its annual conference for the first time on November 14, she said, adding that she would tell the conference she wanted to discuss how the Government could help tourism and other businesses take full advantage of the potential for growth.





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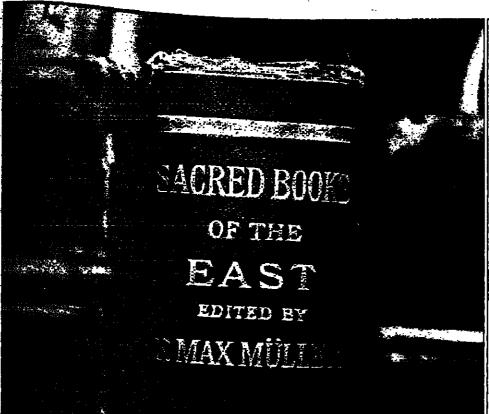
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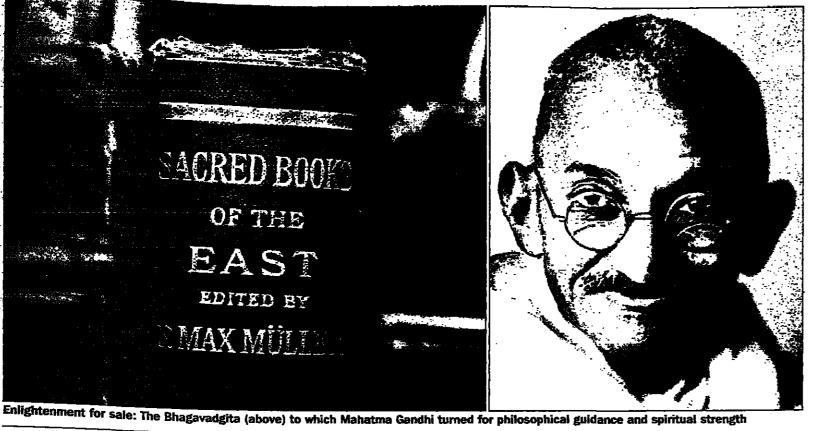
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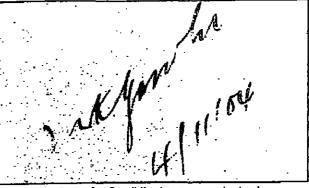


Mahatma Gandhi's personal and annotated copy of The Bhagavadgita, the sacred Hindi work he used for his spirituauction later this month.

Arts Reporter

Heavily marked with comments in pencil, the book, estimated to raise up to £8,000, was described by the campaigner for Indian independence as "the supreme book for the knowledge of the truth".

The Indian leader, who chanted passages from the Gha every day, "regard[ed] it as practically a scientific system by which self-realisation could eventually be attained" according to a biographer, Vincent Sheean. Although Gandhi was born in India, this copy is an English text. Marked "M K Gandhi 4/11/04", the 1898 edition was translated by Kashinath Trimbak Telang and published by the Clarendon Press, Oxford, Its owner's annotations provide a unique insight. Although the pencil stricted to page references, the



underlined passages throw light on his personal philosophy. One reads: "Actions ... do not

fetter one who is self-possessed, who has renounced action by devotion, and who has destroyed misgivings by knowledge."Another observes: "One who is self-restrained, whose understanding is unattached everywhere, from whom affections have departed, obtains the supreme perfection of freedom from action by renunciation."

Gandhi was born in 1869 in western India, but began his career studying law in England

and then practising in South Africa. He returned to India in 1915 and established ascendancy over the Indian National Congress Party.

Five years later he persuaded it to adopt a policy of nonviolent non-co-operation to secure India's independence. His spiritual principles gov cus. Imprisoned by the government for his ideals, which only earned him further prestige as a "mahatma" - great soul - he was assassinated in January 1948 by a Hindu extremist.

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New rules to govern care of the mentally ill

GLENDA COOPER

New guidelines on co-operation between agencies dealing with the mentally ill were issued yesterday to avoid the "tragic consequences" of a number of cases where patients have killed or attacked others.

The guide "Building Bridges" was begun in February 1994, after the publication of the report which identified major failings in the co-ordination of care of Christopher Clunis, a schizo-phrenic who stabbed Jonathan Zito to death in a tube station.

health and social services and voluntary organisations and attempts to clarify procedures for dealing with the mentally ill.

The guidelines concentrate on a commitment to joint working between health, social services and other agencies at all levels. Information exchanges should be set up between agencies.
"Responsibility for providing

good community care for mentally ill people is not the job of one agency alone," the report said, "just as it is not the responsibility of one professional group alone."

Lack of co-operation between agencies has been a recurring theme over the last few years. In September, the Woodley Team report into the killing of Bryan Bennett by Stephen Laudat concluded there had been a catalogue of "missed opportunities", and good social care had been undermined by inadequate health care.In August two reports, by the Social Services Inspectorate and the Clinical Standards Advisory Group, condemned Care in the Community" as "haphazard" and "confused".

The guide calls for agencies

of themselves and others".

and to whom. The report also deals with the question of violent deaths caused by Care in the Community patients, whether homicides or suicides.

In cases of homicide, the ways hold an independent inobligations; how professional judgment was exercised; and the

whether properly monitored. Later this month, NHS chairman are due to report back to the Department of Health to describe improvements in supervision and treatment after being ordered to do so by Gerald Malone, Minister of State for Health, on 24 August.

to target resources at those who have greatest need and to define who are the severely mentally ill. The guide's framework definition says that "people suffering from severe mental illness" are those suffering from sort of mental illness such as schizophrenia or dementia who are unable to care for themselves, sustain relationships or work, have suffered recurring crises and are a significant risk" to the safety

Patients who are at a "sigbe included on a supervision "at risk" register. The patient should be informed orally and in writing that they are on such a register. Such registers are confidential and the report also says that teams should have written policies on how such information should be disclosed

district health authority must alquiry. Such an inquiry must cover the care the patient was receiving: whether that care was suitable; whether it corresponded with statutory adequacy of the care plan and

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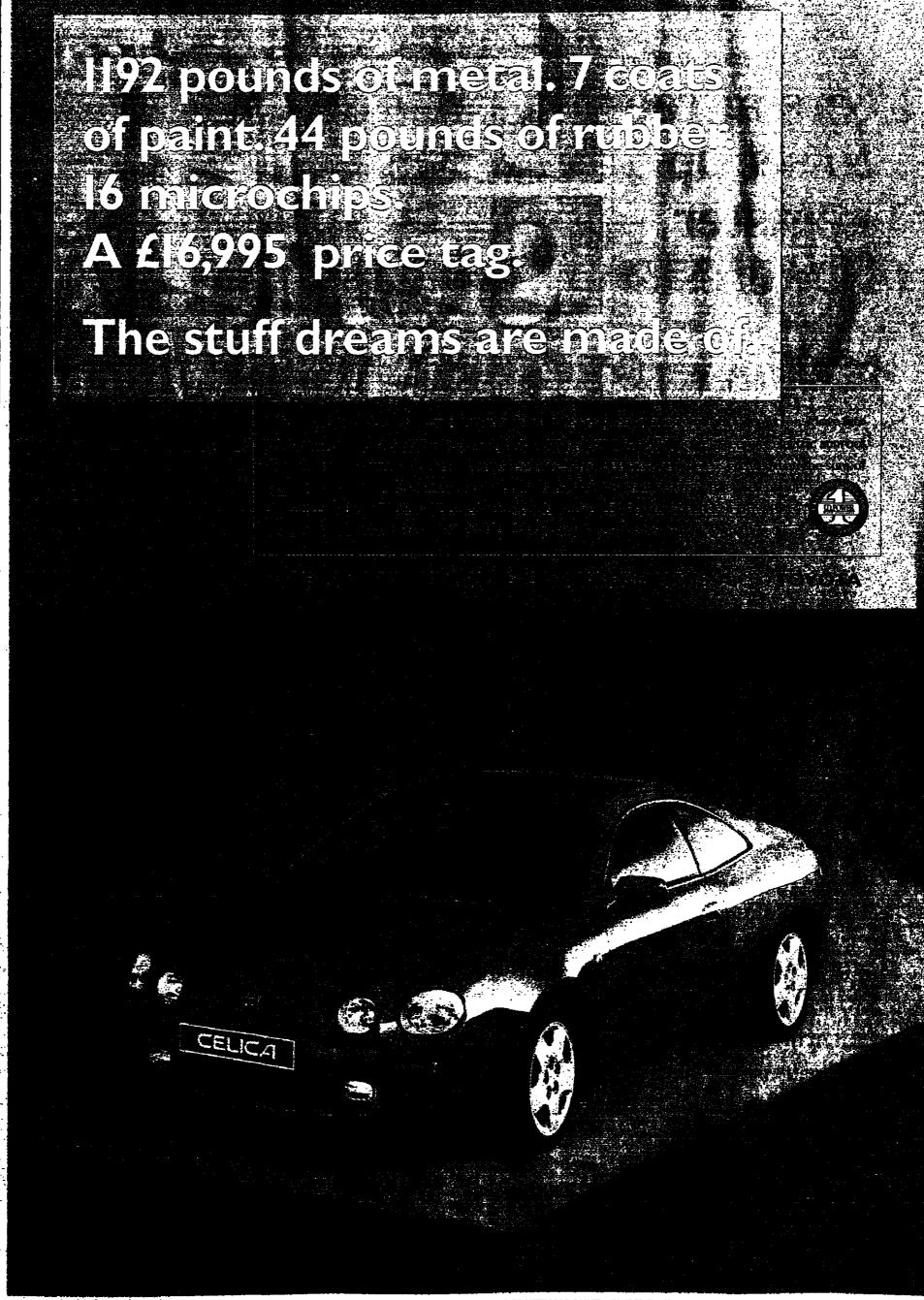
By Zofia Ilinska

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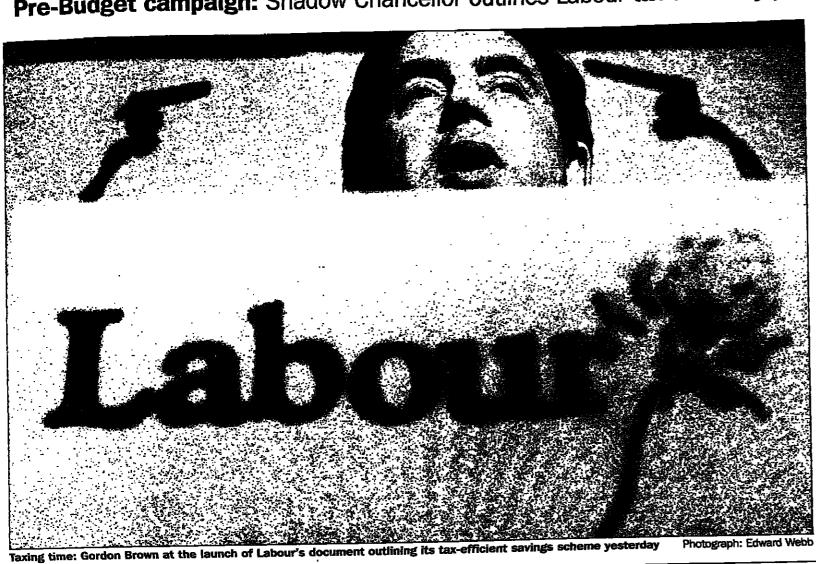
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Zofia Ilinks, who died earlier this week, was born into a landed family in 1921 in Mantuski, in present-day Belorussia, but what was then Poland. Her family fled their home in front of the was then rotatio. Fact mining the Britain as a refugee, settling Sprict tanks in 1939 and she came to Britain as a refugee, settling in Cornwall where she was to live for the rest of her life. Two Doctry collections had been published in Poland. Here, she Doctry collections nau ocen published in roland. Here, she took a degree in English at Reading University and began to took a degree in English, becoming, as she described herself, a write in English, becoming verse plays for Radio 3 as well "impristic bigamist" and writing verse plays for Radio 3 as well "impristic bigamist". as poetry. Her collected poems were published in 1992 as as poetry. Her concered poems were published in 1992 as Harascope of the Moon (recently re-issued by Tabb House, Harascope of the Moon (cornwall PL28 8BG), to high praise Telepineh Street, Padstow, Cornwall PL28 8BG), to high praise DM Thomas remarking that she married the "mystical imagination of Slav and Celt".



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Pre-Budget campaign: Shadow Chancellor outlines Labour tax-efficiency proposals to encourage people to plan for old age Brown pledges tax relief



to help long-term savers

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

A future Labour government would introduce a new taxefficient long-term savings scheme to encourage people to plan for their needs in old age, Gordon Brown, the shadow

Chancellor, pledged yesterday.
The outline proposal, on which Labour will consult, will raise expectations of the party's willingness to tackle welfare reform in a way that contemplates people making more provision for themselves in retirement and old age. Mr Brown said in a document

repared for a breakfast with

business leaders: "I am pre-

pared to consider extending

the principle of Tessas and PEPs by introducing a new Individual Savings Account to promote long-term saving, particularly for old age as well as for other needs in the long-term. Tax relief would be geared to encouraging savers to invest in the long-term, with relief be-

coming available after a period Mr Brown said Britain would

for more than 40 per cent of never raise levels of investment gross domestic product if savings were not encouraged. Yesterday's document dis-After underlining his commitment to Tessas and PEPs, Mr

need for savings for investment

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He called on the Chancellor,

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misses the Government's private finance initiative as a Brown said: We wish to find failure and pledges a "new new ways of making saving partnership for renewal ... we more long-term, and linking the will set up a new taskforce headed by the Chancellor which to the need for people to save would prioritise projects. We are prepared to cash-limit our projects and then invite private tenpre-Budget campaign, Mr Brown said Britain had been ders. We will work with the private sector to deal with the 13th in the world prosperity league in 1979, but after 16 years

problems of risk allocation". Setting out Labour's other inof Conservative government had slumped to 18th place, and dustry policy priorities. Mr Brown said the party favoured the CBI's proposal for two-tier capital gains tax to encourage vestment. The real issue for shareholders to hold assets over the longer term. Labour would or 2p down, or the Liberal 1p also pledge measures to help bridge the long-term funding or 2p up but by how much we can end the chronic under-ingap for small business by empowering new regional development agencies to work with

Kenneth Clarke, to double for venture capital funds". 12 months the first-year tax al-He said that expanding small lowance for new investment businesses should benefit from from 25 to 50 per cent. Mr a higher VAT threshold if they Brown refused to be drawn on take on extra employees - paid whether he believed, like memfor by the windfall levy on the bers of the Cabinet, that public spending should not account

Lords debate: Move to head off more stringent proposals by Nolan

Peers agree to set up register of interests

night acted to bolster its principle that peers should not sell parliamentary influence and agreed to set up a register of relevant interests.

Encapsulating the feeling in all parts of the House, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead said: "The place for practising paid advocacy is the court, not the legislature. Here members should speak according to their views and not according to their fees."

Though no leading peers spoke against a register, it was acknowledged that not all are happy with the idea and would prefer to rely solely on memhers' honour not to abuse their privileges.

Lord Jenkins, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, however, observed that honour ought to be like conscience a still small voice. "If it is talked about too much it becomes at once pretentious and suspect."

Pressing for a register to be in place more or less from the beginning of the new parliamentary session on 15 November, he added: "If there are



lords who regard this as rather nasty medicine to swallow, on the whole nasty medicine is best swallowed fast.

Peers will have to register arrangements, such as consultancies, where they are paid or rewarded for providing parliamentary advice or services, and any financial interest in a business involved in parliamentary lobbying. Any failure to regis-ter would be considered by a sub-committee of the Lords Committee of Privileges. There are no powers to suspend or expel peers but it is reckoned a public report to the House would be shame enough.

Cince it is essentially an "am-Dateur" chamber — backbench peers are paid only an attendance allowance — there will be no requirement to list general sources of income. Nor would, say, a professional engineer be barred from speaking on engineering matters.

As Viscount Cranborne, Leader of the House, put it: "It would be absurd if the only members able to speak on a particular subject were those without any involvement in it." Many life peers are created precisely because of the expertise they bring to the House.

The register was the central recommendation of a sub-comretired law lord. Peers hope it of the processes of Parliament."

The House of Lords last will head off any more stringent proposal when Lord Nolan and his committee on standards in public life turn their gaze on the Upper House next year. Lord Nolan attended the debate but did not speak. Lord Griffiths said there was nothing to prevent a peer being a parliamentary adviser, giving helpful advice on the workings of the House and the best approach if it was considering something of interest to the client.

"But he ought not it he cepts such a position, play any part in furthering the interests of that organisation. If he does, he will be perceived by the public outside as selling his voice and worse still, selling his vote." Lord Cranborne waxed fondly about the House as a place with few rules which relied on courtesy. His instinct was to keep the simplicity of the status quo, where peers were ex-pected to declare interests before speaking.

"However, in the present climate, this is simply no longer a sustainable option, he said, urging peers to accept the Griffiths recommendations.

"It is clear that Members of both Houses will increasingly be expected to demonstrate to the public at large that they are not abusing their positions."

Lord Richard, Leader of the

Labour peers, said the public perception of politicians, particularly of MPs, seemed to be at an almost all-time low and he did not think it would be enhanced by Tories rejecting Lord Nolan's recommendation of disclosure of outside earnings.

Former Commons Speaker Lord Weatherill said the introduction of a register was re-grettable but essential. However he did not detect the same cynicism about the Lords as

there was about the Commons. "My suspicion is that we are held in quite high esteem. This may be because we are not paid, but come to Parliament for motives of service," Lord Weatherill said. "We are able to speak from personal experience and are perceived by members of the public to be more in touch with the real world than the professional politicians in the Commons."

Lord Jenkins, airing his own distaste for politics becoming "a tight little occupation", said he believed MPs should be engaged in reputable outside activities. "The major danger is that of a further professionalism of politics," he said. The only skills learnt by those who climbed the ladder from research assistant tended to be political manipulation. "The products of the new system feel entitled to a standard of living higher than a parliamentary salary is ever likely to provide. But they have precious little to mittee under Lord Griffiths, a sell, except for their knowledge

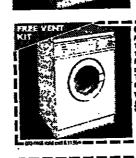


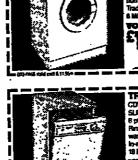




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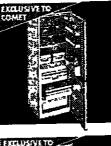
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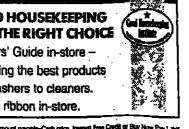
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Fertility clinic Watchdog faces Privatisation

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The Government has ordered a review of the public watchdog for embryology clinics and is considering privatising or contracting out the authority's role. It will also look at the scope for

charging more fees for its work. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority believes the importance of its role was underlined by the row yesterday over the "sale" of human eggs.

The authority condemned the practice but found that it was unable to intervene in privale arrangements between donors and patients, under which young women have been paid £1,000 for their eggs.

The authority is looking at the possibility of using its powers to unyone who is not a member bar clinics from conducting the operations for transferring the eggs from donors to patients where a sale is involved.

The threat to raise more in fees is likely to dismay couples. who could face higher costs

The review has alarmed anti-abortion MPs, including David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP for Mossley Hill, who obtained the terms of reference for the review team from the

House of Commons library. The authority, chaired by Ruth Deetch, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, is strongly opposed to privatisation. The authority is planning to warn the review team, set up by the Department of Health, that privatisation would be

threaten its legal responsibility of confidentiality to its patients. "It would be difficult to envisage privatisation, not least because we hold so much information that by law must be kept confidential.

By law, we cannot disclose of the authority. There is an inherent difficulty with privatisation. We maintain a register of information about patients and donors, I would see considerable difficulty in contracting that out. It is why we are maintaining the register ourselves," said a Baroness Warnock.

The terms of reference for the review, carried out every five years, question whether the authority is needed, and whether the public body is the "best vehicle for meeting the Govern-ment's objectives in the issues of human fertilisation and em-

bryology".
It will question whether the authority is meeting its aims and objectives, and its targets; the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of its operations, including its financial and management systems; the scope for increasing the proportion of its expenditure that is recovered from fees; the prospects for further simplifying and stream-lining its procedures in keeping with the Government's deregulation initiatives; and whether there is scope for contracting out, privatisation or transferring all or part of the its function to

another body. The authority was set up 10 years ago after the report by the ethical committee chaired by

Ulster talks: Home Secretary under pressure to move 26 IRA prisoners



Making peace: John Bruton, the Irish leader, says releasing prisoners will help truce

Dublin seeks prison transfers to aid peace

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

The Irish government has asked the Home Secretary to transfer 26 IRA prisoners from British jails to the Republic as part of a new attempt to kick-start the

peace process.

Michael Howard is believed to be reluctant to agree to a general transfer of prisoners many of whom are serving long sentences for bomb offences in Britain - into Irish custody. if there is any likelihood that they will be given early release.

Northern Ireland ministers privately believe Mr Howard would face fewer problems at home if he allowed the prisoners to be transferred, as they present the greatest risk of a break-out. The escape of IRA prisoners from Whitemoor prison contributed to the sacking of Derek Lewis as head of the prison service.

However, Mr Howard shows no sign of following the lead tak-en by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary. this week with emergency legislation to allow the early release of IRA and loyalist terrorist pris-oners in Ulster prisons.

Legislation came into force vesterday in Ireland allowing the transfer of prisoners directly

but officials said it required the agreement of the two governments, and the prisoners involved. The prisoners' families are keen for the transfers to go ahead so they are to make more frequent visits, and they are also hopeful that the Irish government will continue with the early release of prisoners started earlier this year.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, believes the early release of prisoners is an important confidence-building part of the peace process.

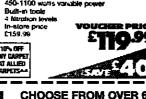
The IRA has given priority to the release of its prisoners as one of the key conditions for ensuring lasting peace in North-ern Ireland, but Mr Howard remains concerned that the threat of a return to violence will continue until arms are surrendered by the IRA.

In a separate move, the Home Secretary is facing crossparty pressure for two republican prisoners, Patrick Kelly and Michael O'Brien - one of whom is suffering from cancer to be transferred to prisons either in Northern Ireland or the Republic "in view of their compelling compassionate circumstances". A Commons motion demanding the transfers has been signed by senior Tory backbenchers Peter Temple-

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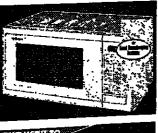
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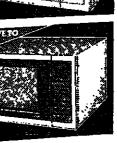
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Highland estate goes to overseas buyer

day about the growing number of absentee landlords in Scotland after the second sale in a week of a Highland estate to an overseas buyer, writes John

Artidge Lisbet Koerner, whose family founded the multi-million pound Swedish packaging com-pany Tetra Pak, bought the Corrour estate on Rannoch Moor for £3m. The 48,000acre estate is one of the most remote in the Highlands: it can only be reached by the West Highland railway line.

More than 300 people expressed an interest in the property when it was put on the market earlier this year. But for the fifth time this year, the estate went to a foreign buyer. Last week, the Glenavon estate in the Cairngorms was sold to Andras, a company headed by a Malaysian busine

The sale has led environmentalists and politicians to call for a change in Scottish land laws. They claim absentee landlords damage the environment

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Financing the arts: Government auditor stresses need for procedures at grant-giving body to be beyond reproach



Sacking of heritage fund chief explained

DAVID LISTER Arts Correspondent

A blow-by-blow account of the sacking of the director of the National Heritage Memorial Fund following the discovery that money had been awarded to a software company run by her boyfriend was published yes-National Audit Office.

Georgina Nayler was rethe grant-giving body during the the money had been awarded without her declaring a possible conflict of interest

Yesterday, the government comptroller and auditor general pointed out in a two-page ac-count of the incident in the memorial fund's annual report the need for all officials dealing with giving out lottery money, as an arm of the fund now does, to stick scrupulously to government rules.

Lord Rothschild, chairman of the memorial fund, said: "I would just like to reaffirm what was said at the time; that at no point was there any question of dishonesty or lack of integrity on her part, and that the trustees and myself were satisfied there had been no risk to

"The parting with Ms Nayler was a very sad one for the memorial fund as she made a remarkable contribution to its

The report of the comptroller and auditor general in the annual report is more severe. It says: "The trustees and director were well aware of the implications of becoming a lottery distributor ... During their au-

dit, the National Audit Office observed evidence of a conflict of interest in the letting of contracts to a company run by the partner of the former director of the fund, Ms Georgina

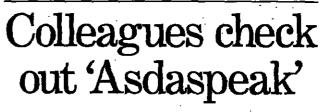
evidence of illegal or dishonest behaviour, but concludes: "The events at the fund have served how important it is that accounting officers are fully conversant with all aspects of their responsibilities and demonstrate a complete understanding and awareness of public sector accountabilities and re sponsibilities."

It adds that because of the massively increased responsibilities that being a lottery distributor involves, the salary level of the director's post is being significantly increased. The new director is Anthea Case, currently a deputy director at the Treasury in the Budget and Public Finance Directorate.

Launching the annual re-port yesterday, Lord Rothschild said that the fund was now financially stretched. Government grant over the past year was £8.8m, and the fund had spent £10.4m, using income from its capital fund.

Lord Rothschild said: "We live in hope that the Government will restore our grant to the previous levels. In the meantime, we will have to be very selective when awarding grants over the next few years.

The largest grant awarded over the last year was £3m to the Victoria and Albert Museum and the National Galleries of Scotland for the purchase of The



BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Asda, the supermarket chain-which yesterday introduced reduced Sunday pay rates for new staff, has encouraged some highly unusual methods of motivating staff and keeping customers happy.

The fastest check-out oper-

ators in many stores for instance wear yellow jerseys à la Tour de France. A powerful disincentive to a high work rate, according to some employees.

There is also the "golden mop" for the store with the cleanest lavatory in the region. And there is the "10ft rule". If a manager comes within that distance of a customer he or she must speak to them, according to the company's latest training video. Presumably it doesn't particularly matter what you say as

There is also an argot called "Asdaspeak". Everyone at the

long as it is suitably banal and

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store's group is referred to as a "colleague", which has elicited comments that it is much like the way people were called "comrade" in the old commu-

Asda has "colleague circles" where people from different departments liaise. There are 'listening circles" where managers consult workers and "huddles" where supervisors plan the day.

Over-enthusiastic managers at the Wigan and Stockport stores decided recently that customers should be entertained by staff while waiting at check-outs. Juggling and hoolahooping were among the suggestions, but "colleagues" objected and the idea was

dropped. The GMB general union believes Asda's public relations de-partment is "bonkers" According to one PR staff member, the decision to reduce rates for staff opting to work for the first time on Sundays was





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Solidarity gets back into line behind Walesa

ADRIAN BRIDGE Gdansk

*Gdansk shipyard supports Lech Walesa" proclaims a large banner above the famous gates over which a rebellious electrician once leapt to spark the strike that led to the formation of the Solidarity trade union.

Smaller placards pinned to the gate reinforce the point. Walesa is the best helmsman in difficult times," reads one. "He is brave and valiant ... He overturned the system and removed the Soviet army," states another. "Lech Walesa has restored Polish honour."

. Given the location - the formerly-named Lenin Shipyard which was the focal point of Solidarity's opposition to the Communist regime - the support for Mr Walesa in Sunday's presidential election is hardly

surprising. He worked at the shipyard for many years. All the money he received as Nobel Peace Prizewinner in 1983 went towards the construction of a new hospital in the shipyard grounds. And despite the attractions of a presidential palace in Warsaw, Mr Walesa's wife, Danuta, and family have always maintained

their base in Gdansk. "We are proud that a man from here is now our head of state," said Stanislaw Birna, a night watchman at the shipyard gate who participated in the 1980 strikes. "And we have to make sure he stays in office. Only he can keep the red devils [former Communists] out!"

Mr Walesa's main opponent in Sunday's poll is Aleksander Kwasniewski, the leader of the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), the successor to the Communist Party which was swept from power in the landmark elections of June 1989 but which has since re-emerged to be the dominant force in government.

Neither of the two men is likely to win the more than 50 per cent required for outright victory and they will therefore boasts a membership of 1.8 have to face each other in a : off poll two weeks later.

For many the battle is the final showdown between the ing only that it was waiting to forces of the old regime, as rep- see who would emerge as the

and those of Solidarity, best ex-emplified in the form of Mr Right to take on Mr Kwas-niewski. Only last month as it

And despite the many criticisms that have been levelled against Mr Walesa during his first five-year term - that he is uneducated, impulsive and blatantly power-hungry - he is

widely tipped to clinch it. It is a remarkable turnaround for a man who this time last year had slumped to just 5 per cent support in the opinion polls and who was being openly attacked by some of his closest former allies as a threat to

Many of those attacking Mr Walesa had been with him in 1989 when, with a membership of 10 million. Solidarity was less a trade union than a massive civic movement pressing for the total transformation of the country.

Most of those in the intellectual wing of Solidarity turned against Mr Walesa as early as 1990 as the movement began to split and its membership dwindled.

But, with the obvious exception of the workers at the Gdansk shipyard, even his former colleagues in the trade union itself had turned distinctly cool towards their old leader.

"Many felt that, like all the others who had joined the Solidarity bandwagon, Mr Walesa quickly turned his back on the workers once in power," said Jacek Rybicki, Solidarity's vicepresident. "The union felt it had heen used as a vehicle for political ambitions."

In June, at Solidarity's annual congress, there was an extraordinary scene as Mr Walesa, still trailing badly in the polls, went back to his old power base with cap in hand to ask for support in the coming presidential poll.

Powerful Communism is fighting against me, and so are others," Mr Walesa declared. "So for the second time I am asking you to come with me."

At first the union, which now as an instrument for wider change, declined the offer, sayresented by Mr Kwasniewski, strongest candidate on the



Eyes on power: Lech Walesa has high hopes of a second term after making a remarkable political recovery

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niewski. Only last month as it

became clear that Mr Walesa

had pulled away from the rest

of the anti-Communist camp, did the union finally come out

"I am glad we are now again

supporting Mr Walesa," said Mr

Birna, one of the 7,000 (out of

an original 17,000) remaining

workers at the Gdansk shipyard.

"But it is hard not to feel some

disappointment this time

around. Fifteen years ago, when we were lighting for freedom.

we were really together, there

was real solidarity. Now we

have freedom, it comes down to

a fight about power. In the end,

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Russian liberal calls on court to lift ban

HELEN WOMACK Moscow

Russia's most popular reformist politician, Grigory Yavlinsky, appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday to overrule election officials who have disqualified his Yabloko grouping from tak-ing part in December's race for parliament.

Speaking outside the court, Mr Yavinsky denounced the ruling of the Central Electoral Commission as "illegitimate". Tass news agency said the court was expected to consider his

complaint tomorrow. Nikolai Ryabov, chairman of the commission, caused a storm at the weekend by saying that just because Mr Yavlinsky's grouping was represented in the parliament, and likely to do well in the coming poll, did not mean it could ignore election procedure. He barred Yabloko on the grounds that it had dropped six candidates without

the commission's agreement. Mr Yavlinsky, who has presidential ambitions, cried foul, and was supported not only by reformers but by some of his political enemies, including the nationalist retired army general.

On Thesday President Boris Alexander Lehed. Yeltsin, recovering in hospital from his second mild heart attack in four months, demanded to know why Mr Ryabov had banned Yabloko, along with

some other parties, including the Derzhava (Great Power) movement of the former Russian vice-president, Alexander Rutskoi.

The row was probably discussed again yesterday when doctors allowed Mr Yeltsin to have his first work-related meeting since he went into the Central Clinic last Thursday. Tass said only that he was visited by his senior aide, Viktor

Since the outcry over Mr Yavlinsky's disqualification, election officials have said they will reconsider, if the Supreme Court so orders. The chances are the crisis will be resolved, so this seems to be a case of bureaucratic pedantry rather than a deliberate conspiracy.

Opinion polls suggests the Communists and General Lebed's party, the Congress of Russian Communities, may top the poll. But of the available free-marketeers, Mr Yavlinsky seems to be the most popular, better loved than Yegor Gaidar, who introduced painful economic reforms in 1992.

Mr Yavlinsky, 43, is well known in the West as he is one of the few Russian politicians who speaks good English, and is in demand with television stations. In Russia he is famous as the author of the Gorbachev-era "500-Days" plan, a scheme to modernise the economy in 500 days which was never tried.

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Deutschmark über alles 'is SPD's new slogan'

The three heavyweights wrestling for control of the Social Democratic Party joined forces at last yesterday to attack Europe's gestating common currency. Under what critics say is the slogan "Deutschmark über alles", the SPD leadership has launched a populist campaign against the government's goal of monetary union by 1999.

The first hints of the spectacular U-turn came earlier this week from Rudolf Scharping, the SPD's leader, and Gerhard Schröder, the party's aspiring leader. The third leadership contender, Oskar Lafontaine, joined the chorus yesterday, calling for an "improvement" in those aspects of the Maastrich treaty which deal

with monetary union. Faced with a gradual erosion of their electoral support, the Social Democrats hope to take on Heimut Kohi's government

on the issue which seems to worry Germans most. A poll in the business newspaper Handelsblatt earlier this week showed that the proportion of voters favouring the abolition of the Deutschmark has fallen from 34 per cent in June to 27 per cent in September, with a steady 66 per cent opposing it

Their confidence cannot have been raised by the negative comments oozing out of the SPD headquarters. Mr Scharping led the attack by questioning the wisdom of surrendering Germany's national symbol for the sake of "just some idea". Mr Schröder was even ruder, describing the Euro-currency as

"Monopoly money".
Yesterday Mr Scharping took
the furore in his stride. "A stable currency has absolute priority over any timetable," he declared. "Whether a common currency comes in 1999 or a bit later is not decisive. It is more important that economic stability is guaranteed. Only then

can we give up our D-mark."
The voters are fully aware that only Germany and Luxemburg can boast a stable currency, as defined by the Maastrich criteria. Members of Mr Kohl's government, firmly committed to monetary

union in 1999, have rubbished the pretensions of the likes of Italy and Beigium. That leaves France the only plausible suitor, bringing on present trends a dowry that would tax even the well-heeled Bundesbank.

But critics charge that the

SPD's sudden conversion owes. less to economic considerations than to the party's strug-gle for survival. "Bar-room politics" the leader writers cried in horror, while Mr Kohl's of-fice accused the SPD leadership of "trying to appeal to base in-stincts". Mr Schröder admitted as much when he boasted that the SPD had "at last found a national issue again".

For over a year now, the Social Democrats have been en-

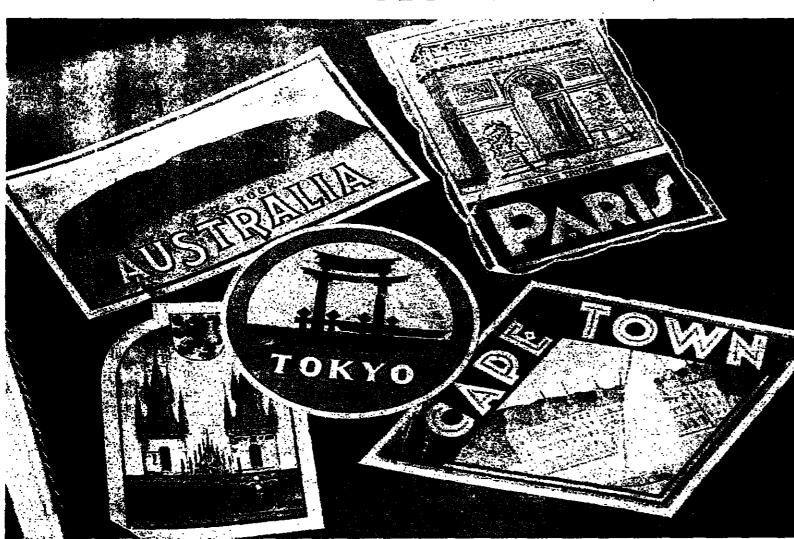
gaged in internal rows over economic policy, desirable coalition partners and where a left-wing party should be going in the 1990s. Under Mr Scharping, they have lost a string of important regional elections and are facing a stormy party con-gress in two weeks time.

Languishing 15 points behind Mr Kohl's Christian Democrats in the polls, the Social Democrats have seized on the issue that will dominate the general elections in three years' time. As Germans go to the polls on the eve of monetary union, the mark in their pocket will weigh heavily on their decision.

That will not only put pres-sure on Mr Kohl to slow down, but it will also sow seeds of doubt among Germany's European partners. As Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister warned: "Anyone who ques tions [monetary union] purely for cheap populist reasons puts the whole integration process in



Pomp and circumstance: Hungary's Prime Minister, Gyula Horn, inspecting a Guard of Honour in Downing Street yesterday before talks with John Major at the start of his official visit to Britain Photograph: Russell Boyce/Reuter



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Sour notes at La Scala put first night at risk

ANDREW GUMBEL

La Scala has seen plenty of tantrums and industrial dis-putes, but none to rival this. With workers and management at each others' throats over every conceivable issue, from next year's pay round to future funding, the famous Milan opera house is being forced to contemplate the unthinkable: cancelling the opening night of its new season for the first time in its 200-year history.
The bad blood has been flow-

ing abundantly in La Scala's rococo corridors in recent weeks, and four performances in a row of Lucia di Lammermoor have already bitten the

The workers have passed a motion urging the dismissal of the general manager, Carlo Fontana, and, to their surprise, have found support from lead-ing politicians, including the mayors of Milan and Venice.

The musical director, Riccardo Muti, has denounced the strikes as a mark of shame on accused the workers of plotting to destroy one of the cornerstones of Italian culture.

The atmosphere has grown so sour that artists and local politicians have begged the Prime Minister to intervene.

The cancellation of the cember would be a calamity not only for La Scala but for the Italian cultural world as a whole. The occasion is the high point of the Milan social calendar, attended by film stars, media celebrities and top industrialists.

It also falls on the feast day of Milan's patron, St Ambrose, a man remembered for patching up a fourth-century schism in the Church. It may take a prayer or two to the saint to avert La Scala's own schism.

The root of the problem is that the Milan opera house, and indeed opera houses throughout the country, are broke.

In 1993, the last year for which full figures are available. the State handed out 445bu lire (£180m) in subsidies to the 13 main opera houses but got back only 55.1bn lire (£22.3m) in boxoffice receipts. La Scala receives more than 10 per cent of the whole cake.

In a country desperate to cut its enormous public debt, this is no longer a tenable situation. Mr Fontana has tried to keep wage increases to a minimum, and has tried to go back on a long-standing commitment to boost La Scala's 700-plus workforce with another 108 members. He has also suggested that private sponsorship ought to replace at least some of the

state funding.
These might seem reasonable proposals, but opera is not a reasonable art form in Italy. The show has to be lavish and wasteful with money, or else Italians will not recognise it as opera.

Budgets soar sky high for formed a handful of times; staff levels are extraordinarily high; costumes and sets are always made from scratch, and old productions, even acclaimed ones, are never revived.

The dispute is a struggle for the very soul of Italian opera. opening night performance of The unions argue that privati-Mozart's Magic Flute on 7 Desation would force all but the sation would force all but the most prestigious houses to scale back their costs so drastically that some might have to close. The veteran ballet dancer, Carla Fracci, argues that all would be fine if the star singers and dancers did not demand such exorbitant fees

But with Italy battling to slash trillions of lire off public spending before its debts run out of control, perhaps the hard truth is that opera in its traditional form is a luxury the country can no longer afford.

Nato hopefuls head to US for quizzing

yesterday.

ANDREW MARSHALL

The CVs are neatly typed out, the interview suits freshly drycleaned and the shoes polished. The two main candidates to become Nato Secretary-General are off to the United States today to be interviewed by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary

Mr Christopher, representing the largest shareholder in the alliance, will quiz Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, former Danish foreign minister, and Ruud Lubbers, the former Dutch prime minister.

Mr Ellemann-Jensen, a witty, energetic character, put himself up as a candidate at the last moment when Nato was last searching for a secretary-general, but was pipped to the post by Willy Claes.

Given the subsequent history of Mr Claes — he resigned last month over allegations of bribes paid to a helicopter com-pany when he was Belgian economy minister in 1988 — the alliance countries might well wish that they had taken the Danish option.

However, this time it seems that they may go Dutch. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Danish Prime Minister, said that Mr Ellemann-Jensen would remove himself from the contest if Mr Lubbers seemed to be the

preferred candidate. "If there s unity for a candidate other than [Ellemann-Jensen], the Danish candidate will not stand in the way," Mr Rasmussen said

Mr Lubbers already has the backing of Germany, France, Spain, Italy and several other small European Union states. The US was keeping silent about the selection process yes-

However, given the Willy Claes fiasco, Washington might be well advised to investigate the recent political history of the candidates and ask gently about any recent purchases of helicopters.







Eyeing the future: Bosnia's Prime Minister, Haris Silajdzic, and the US negotiator, Richard Holbrooke, awaiting the arrival of the Bosnian President's plane at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base before the start of the summit

West presents draft plan

RUPERT CORNWELL Dayton, Ohio

The Bosnian peace talks moved swiftly to business last night as the United States and its Contact Group partners presented the presidents of Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia with a comprehensive draft peace agreement designed to end the Balkan war.

Immediately after the plenary opening session, chaired by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, the chief US negotiator, Richard Holbrooke, was due to table the plan, divided into 10 sections, including a framework constitutional agreement, a draft division of territory and arrangements for the deployment of a Nato force

ace", Mr Christopher said, as he flew into the huge, tightly guarded Wright-Patterson Air Force base, where the talks are being held: "I hope Dayton, Ohio, will be remembered as the place where the killing was finally brought to a halt."

Despite outward optimism on all sides, the first signs were not promising. "They're talking peace but don't show the slightest readiness for compromise," Mr Holbrooke said, after greeting Bosnia's leader, Alija Izetbegovic, the last of the three leaders to arrive.

Compromise, however, will be essential to resolve a host of disagreements, any one of which could wreck the negoti-

The talks probably represented the last, best, chance for territorial split of Bosnia beterritorial split of Bosnia be-tween the Croat-Muslim federation and the Bosnian Serbs to constitutional question of how to create a unitary state with two "entities", which is not

a fig-leaf for partition. According to Mr Holbrooke, "80 to 90 per cent" of the map has been settled, but not the most awkward areas, including Sarajevo and access to Gorazde. Of the constitutional problems, he predicted that elections and voting rights of refugees could be hardest to resolve.

Formal meetings of the three delegations will be held in a meeting room at the base's Hope Hotel, at a table sur-rounded by simple beige chairs, with seating for lesser officials a virtual news blackout.

ceremony, the room is not likely to be used, at least in the early stages of discussions. Barring quick breakthroughs.

the "proximity talks" will be moved forward by Mr Hol-brooke and other officials of the Contact Group, shuttling be-tween the three delegations to prod them towards agreement. About 200 diplomats and officials will be in permanent residence at the Visiting Officers' When sufficient common

ground has been achieved, the Croats, Bosnians and Serbs will meet face to face. In the event of important interim agreements, the press may be summoned back to Dayton. Otherwise, US officials intend ations. They range from the behind them. After the opening Whether the three delegations Serbia said after he arrived.

will keep their promise not to talk to the press remains to be seen. But if an agreement can be reached, a formal treaty will be signed in Paris shortly afterwards.

Although all parties have bardened their positions on the eve of the talks, diplomats believe a deal can be struck, perhaps within a month. This could see a Nato peace-keeping force, including 20,000 US troops, on the ground in Bosnia by the end of the year.

"This is the only way to do it." one Contact Group diplomat said as he arrived, arguing that no side had anything to gain from a resumption of fighting. "I am an optimist, I believe these talks will succeed," President Slobodan Milosevic of France, Germany and Russia, Union's mediator.

impossible: the government's Why Ohio? Washington chose Wright-Patdemand for a united, sovereign Bosnia and the Serbs' desire for an independent statelet that might ultimately join Serbia. The three parties - Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia - have agreed on the basic principles for a post-war settlement, with two entities (one Serb, one

non-Serb) in Bosnia, free elections and respect for human rights. But the broad brush-What do the parties want? strokes are meaningless until the The Srpska Republic wants leaders paint in the details. recognition of its statehood The defeat of Croatia's Serbs and the right to confederal and recent government gains in Bosnia have altered the balance of power. The Bosnian Serbs risk losing all if they do not make a deal, but risk losing their statelet if they do.

Is there any real hope of peace?

More than ever before, but the

mediators must reconcile the

Who is attending the talks and who is not?

These are to be "proximity" talks: three Balkan delegations in separate rooms, with negotiatiors scuttling about conducting corridor diplomacy. Bosnia is represented by President Alija Izetbegovic and other officials The Serb delegation, which represents also the Srpska Republic in Bosnia, is led by Serbia's President, Slobodan Milosevic, accompanied by members of the Bosnian Serb leadership but not the main civilian and military leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. The Croatian continent is led by President Franjo Tudjman who has said he will not stay long but will delegate decision-making powers to other Croat officials.

The world is represented by Richard Holbrooke, the US Assistant Secretary of State who has cajoled the parties to the table. He is joined by delegates from the other four Contact Group nations, Britain,

and by Carl Bildt, the European

terson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, as a suitable location from which to exclude the press. but one which had comfortable accommodation for the three delegations. The mediators say the talks could last for a month. The Balkan participants are suggesting a shorter stay.

links with Serbia, the division of Sarajevo, access to the Adriatic Sea, a widening of the corridor in northern Bosnia to include the Croat-held Orasje pocket and the return of some land recently captured by the government. Serbia's main

demand is the lifting of sanctions. The Bosnian government seeks a united Bosnia and an end to territorial encroachments by Belgrade and Zagreb, an end to the division of Sarajevo, a corridor to the government-held enclave of Gorazde, a ban on suspected war criminals standing in future elections, an end to the international arms embargo on Bosnia and control of the Serb-held town of Brcko. Croatia is mostly interested in re-taking Eastern Slavonia, a slice of rich farm-land still held by Serb rebels. It also has an eye on large areas of western Bosnia, where the Bosnian Croats, with Zagreb's

What are the main difficulties? Many and varied, but falling into two basic categories: constitutional and territorial. First, how to share power among the two entities (the Muslim-Croat Fed-

encouragement, are keen on

eration and the Srpska Republic) and what kind of confederal links the entities should have with neighbouring states.

How is the ceasefire holding? Very well, according to the UN. All was quiet along the 600-mile confrontation line yesterday, and the number of ceasefire violations has decreased.

What happens if there is a peace deal?

Nato will swing into action within days, according to the US, which plans to send about 20,000 soldiers to Bosnia. The British and French would deploy fresh troops and order those in blue UN berets to switch. The Russians (perceived as friendly to Serbs) and Islamic nations (ditto to Sarajevo) would also send troops. Some in Bosnia will prepare to take revenge but most will give thanks and consider how best to rebuild their lives.

What if there is not?

The 60-day cease-fire brokered by Mr Holbrooke in October will collapse, but we are unlikely to see much new fighting over the winter. Instead, the Bosnian government will probably use the time to re-arm and retrain, ready for a spring offensive against the northern Serb stronghold of Banja Luka. The rebel Serbs will dig in, wondering nervously how much support they can expect from Belgrade. Many more civilians, on both sides, will redouble efforts to escape to another coun-

try. The Croatian army will storm Eastern Slavonia and probably capture it within a few days, forcing thousands more Serbs to flee. The UN will soldier on, ill-equipped for the impossible task of preserving a peace that does not exist. The show will move on to death or victory on the battle-field.



Talks may put Anywhere, USA on the map

Dayton, Ohio — Maybe Bosnia will succeed where Wilbur and Orville Wright, the Olympic hurding champion, Ed Moses and ET Fraze, who invented pop-top cans, failed – and put this worthy corner of the Mid-West on the map. But if the re-action of Slobodan Milosevic is anything to go by, don't bet

"You're going to keep me locked up in Dayton, Ohio?" wondered the man who is variously President of Serbia. prime architect of four years of Balkan misery, and reputed connoisseur of Scotch whisky. when he learned his impending term of diplomatic house arrest would be at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base here: "I am not a priest, you know."

Yesterday the confinement began, It will last, yow US officials, as long as it takes to produce a Bosnian peace agreement. But Mr Milosevic's fears are perhaps exaggerated. Like the other heads of delegations he will be lodged at the Visiting Officers' Quarters, where a couple of years ago air force police broke up a prostitution racket operating for the bene-

fit of the out-of-town brass.
"Wright-Pat" is, in fact, a
small city - sprawling over 8,000
acres, employing 22,000 people and boasting its own hospital, police and fire departments, a golf course and the Hope Hotel, which owes its name not to yearnings for peace but to the actor, Bob Hope. One way and another, Mr Milosevic should

have enough to occupy him. With 500 journalists briefly in town, the city fathers have been churning out promotional literature by the cartful. Its claims to lasting fame are legion. The Wright Brothers and powered flight are just the start. Believe the brochures and just about everything the human race needs for survival was invented here. Parking meters, flip-open drink cans, electric cash registers, ice-trays with an ejector

In reality, though, this is just another middling city in the flat-lands of the Mid-West, with the standard three or four sky-scrapers downtown of Anywhere, USA and a population of 182,000 that represents a peaceful mingling of different

rather as Bosnia might have been before Mr Milosevic and his Bosnian Serb surrogates set about their business.

This week Dayton is doing its best to rise to the occasion. "Dayton Welcomes the World," reads a sign on the road into town from "Wright-Pat". Mia Bilanovic and Peter Todorovic, Bosnian-born students at the city's university, are minor celebrities, as is Elinor Sluzas, owner of the Amber Rose restaurant, specialising in dumplings and other solid east European fare. No matter she's Lithuanian - Europe is a long way from central Ohio.

But the Dayton Daily News has admonished readers to mug up on Bosnia - or else face hu-

miliation from reporters desperate for any scrap of information.

But next week, next month, whenever the talks end, Dayton will slip back into its comfortable obscurity, just as always. The Wrights may have lived and worked here, but their name is linked not to Ohio, but North Carolina, where the first flight in 1903 actually took place. Posterity will not call any Bosnian deal the Treaty of Dayton, but the Treaty of Paris where it will be formally signed. And the last time Dayton was in the news? In early 1994, local resident Michael Fay hit the head-lines for getting himself caned in Singapore. Michael Who?

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Corruption scandal spreads in **South Korea**

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

When Roh Tae-woo, the former president of South Korea, appeared on television last week to apologise for hoarding 500bn won (£400m), he was less than convincing. In a display of contrite grief, Mr Roh gulped and wiped his eyes - suspiciously void of tears. He declared himself "ready to accept any judgement and any punishment, even stoning" - but nobody believed that last bit.

For Koreans, however, one part of his address did ring true.
"Such political funds are conceded Mr Roh, wrong, "and this is not an excuse, but they are an age-old part of our political culture.

Yesterday, Mr Roh received proof that his grovelling had failed when he became the first former Korean president to be formally questioned by public prosecutors and 63 per cent of Koreans polled believe he should be arrested. But the scandal is spreading, and threatening to implicate politicians on all sides, including the current president, Kim Young-sam. "If this is not handled properly," Mr Kim said this week, "the ruling and opposition camps will

come down together." The scandal goes deep, and derives much of its destabilising potential from Mr Roh's unique status in Korean politics. as a former member of a military autocracy who successfully reinvented himself as president of a democratic republic. In 1987, the country was on the verge of crisis as opposition mounted towards Mr Roh's predecessor, the hated General Chun Doo-hwan. The tumult was silenced by Mr Roh, who demanded direct presidential elections and a restoration of civil liberties. General Chun conceded, the riots fizzled out. and Mr Rohwon a decisive

There was little doubt that Mr Roh's election owed a lot to

enormous illicit spending, but many in Korea were grateful for a gentler transition into democracy than that offered by Mr Rob's radical opponents. The economy prospered and in 1993 the baton of power was handed smoothly on, with the election of Kim Young-sam, a former civilian dissident who had joined Mr Roh's Democratic Liberal Party (DLP).

Mr Kim's election appeared to represent a decisive break with the military past and he quickly staked his reputation on rooting out what he calls "the Korean disease" of political corruption. Crucially, he made it illegal to keep falsely-named bank accounts, the means by which bribery funds, including that admitted to by Mr Roh, were concealed. He has also promised a rigorous and impartial investigation of his former mentor.

But it is loaded with risks. After humiliating losses in local elections, and a year of disasters like the collapse of a Seoul department store, the President's popularity is at an all time low. An battle with his political father, Mr Roh, could rob him of right-wing support and erase the DLP's small majority.

Even more threatening is the growing conviction that the President must have benefited from the illegal fund. In the months before stepping down. Mr Roh appears to have gone on a political spending spree, in an attempt to ingratiate himself with potential successors. The leading opposition leader, Kim Dae-jung, has admitted receiving 2bn won in 1992, and called on the President to own up to the same.

On this, Mr Kim has been vague, acknowledging that while his party may have accepted cash, he knew nothing of it. But the scandal seems to show that the clean hands president could not have got where he is without corruption, and could not have fought corruption without getting where he is.

Clan chieftainess: How a nurse from County Kerry became the ruler of wild mountain tribesmen

Irish eyes are still smiling in Baluchistan

TIM McGIRK Pishin, Baluchistan

This is the story of an Irishwoman who opened an ice factory in the desert borderlands of Baluchistan - a place of whirlwinds, blood-red mountains and extreme heat - and who became a tribal leader.

The ice was nice for the Baluchis, who are staggered by temperatures in the summer of over 125F. But what the Baluchis appreciated even more was the Irish woman's cool head and her honesty.

Epic feuds blow up like desert whirlwinds among the Baluch tribes, and their chieftains tend to be men with fearsome moustaches who swagger about with belts full of pistols and daggers. Yet with only the strength of her will, Jennifer Wren Musa was chosen as leader of the prominent Musa clan and was the first woman from the Baluch tribes to be sent to the National Assembly.

Mrs Musa, now 78, wears a traditional shalwar kameez, with a dupatta shawl to protect her pale Irish complexion. Her eyes are the grey-blue of her ice, and she gives the impression of being far taller than she really is.
To explain how a girl from

County Kerry came to become a Baluch matriarch, "Auntie Jennifer", as she is known here, pointed to an old photograph hanging on the wall next to daggers and a tiger skin. It showed a proud man in a long beard, and a small boy dressed in embroidered silks like a playful, miniature genie. Then, another photograph. circa 1942: a group portrait of undergraduates at Exeter College, Oxford, on their way to a ball with their silkgowned girl-friends. She puts



her finger on a handsome

"His name was Qazi Musa, and he was studying philosophy. I was a nurse at Oxford during the war, and we fell in love," said Mrs Musa. In all his descriptions of Baluchistan - the slow grace of a camel caravan moving along the floor of ominous, iron-coloured mountains there were no words that could explain to a Kerry girl the total sence of greenery.

Qazi Musa also warned of another difficulty. His parents had already married him off, at 14, long before he entered Oxford. "He offered to divorce his first wife, but I said it wasn't necessary. She lives down the road

from here. We're good friends." student. It was the genie grown Mrs Musa said. They married, she took the name Jennifer Jehan Zeba, and they went to live in Pishin, in an ancestral home where the mud walls are two feet thick to protect against the

heat and maranding tribes.

Although the Baluch are strict Muslims who keep their women veiled and in purdah, Mrs Musa did not find that wives or daughters were mistreated. "That's a lot of old nonsense. These tough Baluch men all listen to their mothers," she

Her nursing proved useful. Often, Mrs Musa would go up into the mountain villages, bringing medicine and dressing wounds. One day, a nomad

wandered through, asking for water. "I went into the kitchen and brought him buttermilk. When I came out, he was taking my driver how he'd heard that the Queen of England had given an Englishwoman to a Baluch lord. I didn't have a heart to tell him that it was me in my filthy clothes. I think he expected me to be sitting grandly on a throne."

After her husband was killed in a car crash, Mrs Musa thought of going back to ircland with her son, Ashraf, then 14. We didn't have much money, but Ashraf told me. 'Mummy I can't leave. This is my country"." A naturalised Pakistani. she was persuaded to stand for the national assembly. There, she crossed swords over the drafting of the constitution with the late prime minister, Zulfigar All Bhutto, father of the present premier, Benazir. "He thought he could charm me, but I resisted." She set up the country's first family planning programme and the country's first women's association before democracy was crushed by a

military coup.
"I couldn't even do any social work, so I just closed my gate and cultivated the garden," she recalled. She planted pomegranate trees and roses at the edge of the desert. Then she sold ice to tribesmen. Today, the lawlessness of Afghanistan is spilling across the desert frontier. Kidnappings are now commonplace, and foreigners are warned away from Baluchistan. The new marauders no longer have muskets but tanks and heavy artillery. This doesn't "Auntie Jennifer" though. She wants to build a library next to her pomegranate



Baluchi badlands: Epic feuds blow up like whirtwinds in

Hundreds killed as Burundi army runs amok

ELIF KABAN Reuters

Kigali — More than 250 Hutus in northern Burundi were killed in a raid last weekend that appears to have been the work of Burundi government soldiers, a senior government official said

The attackers struck at Tangara hill, near the northern town of Ngozi. Most of the dead

'We have information from the governor that 252 people re killed. We don't have details but it appears it was the military," said the presidential cabinet chief, Mames Ban-Aid workers of Western re-

lief agencies in Ngozi said more than 140 people had died and the death toll could reach 200. The raid appeared to be in retaliation for attacks carried out by Hutus on the Tutsi minority.

Tens of thousands of people have died in two years of conflict between the mainly Tutsi army and rebels of the Hutu maiority who control swathes of land in the north. The latest cycle of bloodshed was sparked off by the October 1993 assassination of the first democratically-elected Hutu president, Melchior Ndadaye, by rene-

The remote northern region was tense yesterday. Aid work-

gade Tutsi soldiers.

ers in Ngozi reported clashes between the rebels and the military near Kayanza region, to the west of Ngozi. "A lot of people are fleeing to the hills," one Westerner said.

Aid workers said the killings began on Friday and lasted into Saturday. Up to 50 people were in Ngozi hospital with injuries. There were also casualties in hospital in Kayanza town, they said. Western diplomats in the Burundi capital,

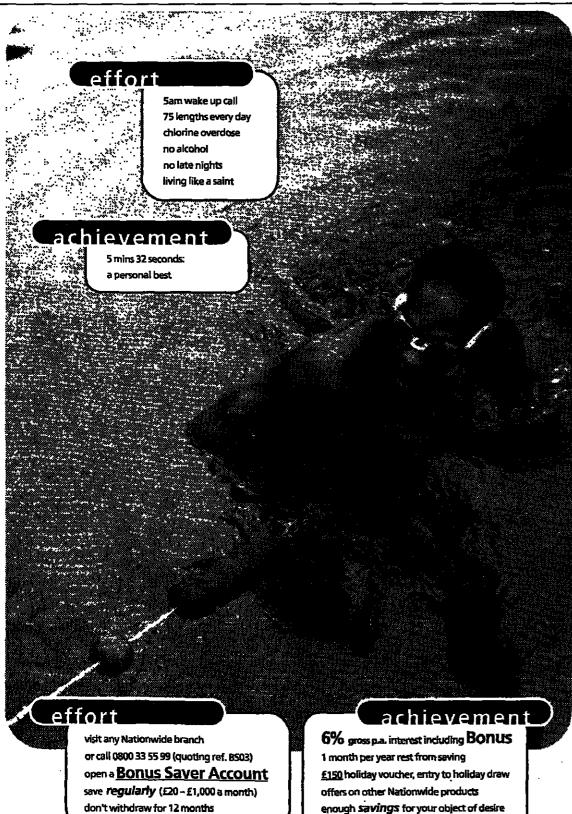
Bujumbura, said the governor of Ngozi promised to announce a detailed report on the killings.

The crisis in the Central African state has deepened recently with extremist militias from both sides threatening to torpedo the uneasy collaboration between a Hutu-led government and the army

Despite moves towards pluralist politics, the Tutsi-run army has refused to open up its

The shaky coalition's writ no longer runs outside the capital. The army and Tutsi death squads rule the interior while Hutu rebels with equally vicious reputations hold sway in the north-west and north-east.

Neighbouring Rwanda has a similar ethnic mix. Last year an estimated 1 million Rwandan Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered in a genocidal campaign instigated by the then Hutu-led government and army.



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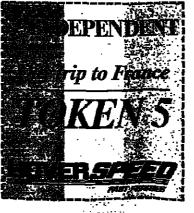
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The Queen says sorry to wronged Maoris

DAVID BARBER Wellington

The Queen will today put her signature to an abject apology to a New Zealand Maori tribe for killings and the seizure of land it suffered under her ancestor, Queen Victoria.

As Queen of New Zealand she will give the Royal Assent to an Act of Parliament compensating the Tainui tribe of Waikato province in North Is-land for its suffering during a war 130 years ago.

The apology says the Crown acted unjustly in sending troops to fight the Tainui after unfairly labelling then rebels and offers profound regret and apologies for the loss of lives because of the hostilities arising from its Invasion and at the devastation of property and social life which

The New Zealand government has stressed that while the document is in the name of the Crown, it is not a personal apology from the Queen and it has rejected a demand from some Maoris to ask her to make such an apology.

"The Queen acts through her governments and doesn't do things personally," said the Minister of Justice, Doug Graham. "It would be quite improper to

"It will enable the Waikato reign going around the world

doing the same thing." Governor-General, Dame Catherine Tizard, normally gives the Royal Assem to

ask her to apologise personally. bills passed by the New Zealand Parliament. But the Queen, Tainui to at least have a statute who is here to attend next with her signature on it, but un- week's Commonwealth sumder no circumstances is that to mit, has agreed to a request by be regarded as the Queen her-self saying sorry. Otherwise one. She will do so at Governshe'd spend the rest of her ment House, Wellington, in the presence of the Maori Queen, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, and

elders of the Tainui tribe. The bill acknowledges that the invasion breached the Treaty of Waitangi, signed in 1840 on Queen Victoria's behalf, under which Maori tribes ceded sovereignty in return for guaranteed continued possession of their lands. Despite this, the Crown confiscated about 1.2 million acres of Tainui land in 1865 as punishment for

what it called rebellion. The Queen's signature is highly significant to the tribe. ause Queen Victoria was

in essence a signatory to the lands akin to those of orphans."
It talks of the tribe's sense treaty, it is important that the current monarch has some involvement, however symbolic,"

said a government official. The six-paragraph apology attached to the compensation bill acknowledges the spiritual regard Maoris have for land. It recognises the confiscation was wrong and has "caused Waikato to the present time to suffer feelings in relation to their lost

grief at being alienated from itland and acknowledges the seizure had a "crippling impac: on the welfare, economy and development of the Waikate province. The government wil: give back 39,000 acres o. rown-owned land, valued at \$NZ100m (£43m). Abou: 30,000 Tainui people will ben-

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Confusion hinders SA local elections

TOM COHEN **Associated Press**

Johannesburg - South Africa's first all-race local elections were marred in some areas yesterday by problems, including improper ballots, late offi-cials and even a hungry elephant that caused people to wait for hours.

Confusion resulting from people going to the wrong polling station or failing to find their names on registration lists also slowed the process and sparked angry confrontations. But at many polling stations,

long lines demonstrated that democracy was at work, extending the political power obtained by the black majority in the African National Congress, now in government with the first all-race vote last year, to the local level.

While President Nelson Mandela's ANC won the April 1994 election to head the national government, there were no black elected officials at local level, though some black mayors were appointed over the past 18 months as transitional

This is the completion of the democratic process." Mr Mandela said on a visit to a polling station in the Atteridgeville black township outside Pretoria. Because he registered in Cape Town, where voting has been postponed due to a ended apartheid and inspired boundary dispute, Mr Mandela did not vote yesterday.

Election officials expressed calling it generally smoother vices," she said. "We need

But in some areas, polling of-ficers worried that the slow pace would make it impossible to handle all voters before polls closed.

Scuffling broke out at a polling station in a black township near Pretoria when people whose names were missing from the voters' lists protested. The station shut down while police and election officials tried to restore order. The ANC urged people experiencing difficulties to remain calm "and desist from doing anything which might hamper the process of

'We don't want to vote, as the government doesn't do anything for us'

About 500 people awoke with the dawn in the Phola Park squatter camp south of Johannesburg to be the first in line at three green and vellow tents set up on a soccer field. 'I care about these elections

so I thought other people would care," said Beauty Mvimbi, who turned up 90 minutes early. She said last year's election, which hope for millions of poor blacks, was different from yesterday. "That was one about the gov-

A holiday was called for the elections to choose almost 700 local and rural councils. Most of the councils were expected to be black-led.

Turnout was expected to be low because of voter apathy and confusion over a dual hallot paper that asks people to vote for a candidate and separately for a party. Many South Africans also complained that the government had failed to deliver on promises of jobs and houses made before last year's election and questioned why they should vote again.

Most of us, we don't want to

vote because the government doesn't want to do anything for us," said Mongezeleli Nqilo, 27, outside a polling station in the Kayamandi black township near Stellenbosch in Western Cape province. "I'm going to vote but in my heart I don't like it because I don't know the candidates."

Political disputes forced voting to be postponed until next year in KwaZulu-Natal province and the Cape Town metropolitan area, along with some isolated rural areas.

Among the logistical prob-lems at some polling places were improper ballot papers, missing materials, late officials and even a lack of electricity.
Voting in the remote Mhin-

a area, near Kruger National Park, was delayed for about an hour by a lone bull elephant cating berries and leaves near a polling station, Many people were afraid to approach the elephant for fear it would charge. Voting resumed after the



Poll position: A woman with her identity card waits to vote

President Mandela said yesterday he would not halt the prosecution of a former defence killing 13 blacks eight years ago, Reuter reports. "I cer-tainly wouldn't stop it," Mr Mandela told reporters.

General Magnus Malan and

10 other senior officers from the apartheid years are due to be arrested today in connection with minister and 10 other senior the 1987 killings and so-called military officers accused of Third Force activities against anti-apartheid activists.

"Where people go and not in any political organisation,

a priest and members of his congregation, I want to know whether that was the policy of the National Party," Mandela said.

The National Party, headed by former president, FW de rk and now in sovernment

IN BRIEF

Ouebec searches for new premier

Montreal - Quebec's separatist government began seeking a new premier yesterday after the dramatic resignation of Jacques Parizeau, who appalled even supporters by blaming immigrants for the razor-thin defeat in the independence referendum. Mr Parizeau expressed hope that his departure would help, not hin-der, the crusade for independence of Canada's largest province Lucien Bouchard, head of the Bloc Quebecois separatist party in Parliament, distanced himself from Mr Parizeau's remarks, ir which he blamed Monday's defeat on "money and the ethnic vote" Mr Bouchard, who was the separatists' most passionate orator during the referendum campaign, refused to say if he wanted Mi

Chinese takes reins at HK Jockey Club

Hong Kong — One of Hong Kong's most prestigious jobs, head of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, will pass out of British hands a year before the colony reverts to Chinese control in mid-1997. The Jockey Club said yesterday that a China-born businessman. Lawrence Wong, who was educated in Hong Kong and Taiwan will take over the reins in March. He replaces a retired British general, Guy Watkins, who has held the racing fraternity's tor job - and plum social and charity position - for more than It

Youths on rampage in Paris suburbs

Paris - Youths attacked shops, cars and a police station in flareups of violence which have become a nightly occurrence in the suburbs of the French capital. Police said some 50 youths armed with metal bars and baseball bats damaged several shops and 30 cars in Vigneux-sur-Seine after a march to demand the opening of a gymnasium. A police station and a children's day-care centre came under attack in a separate incident in Evry. Similar vi-olent incidents had taken place the previous night in the suburbs of Persan, Goussainville and Grigny.

Colombo fears chemical-weapons attack

Colombo — Sri Lanka's army fears rebel ambushes and possible chemical-weapon attacks as it stands poised to seize the northern Tamil Tiger guerrilla stronghold of Jaffna, military sources said. Aid workers said the army could move into Jaffna city within hours if it wanted to after an exodus of more than 100,000 rebels and civilians left it a virtual ghost town. "They may have tried to depopulate Jaffna so that they can use chemical weapons when our troops move in," a senior officer said.

Loch Van monster cuts comic figure

Ankara — Authorities are sending investigators to Turkey's largest lake in search of a monster described as looking like a dinosaur. The Turkish version of the Loch Ness monster has reportedly been sighted in Lake Van, in eastern Turkey. When the deputy governor of the province recently claimed to be among those to have seen the creature, a parliamentary commission agreed to conduct a formal investigation. "The monster was just like in carcluding seven children who are with the ANC, wants temporary toons. It was black and had triangular spikes on its back. It looked



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Derek Enright

For the second time in half a portance of the individual indecade the Hemsworth constituency of South Yorkshire has had a well-regarded Member of Parliament snatched away prematurely by cancer. The late and brave George Buckley in 1991, and now Derek Enright. whose courage in appearing in Brighton at the Labour Party Conference last month deeply moved his colleagues and multitude of friends. But then courage and resilience was the essence of Enright all his life. He had in abundance the qualities associated with an archetypal Yorkshireman - which indeed was what he was. turesquely and memorably. He It was not in the least surdid not divorce his professionexperience from his

prising that Enright within weeks of arriving at Westminster should have embarked on a picturesque, rather loud, but eventually successful fracas with the Serjeant-at-Arms as to whether his dog Sam should be allowed into the House of Commons. Owners are often like their dogs, and Sam was a bull-terrier. So was Enright. What however was concealed under the collar of the bull-terrier was a first in Greats at Oxford.

His father, Lawrence Enright, was a railwayman who had been a ringleader and on that account peremptorily sacked during the 1926 general strike. Both in the European Parliament and later at Westminster Enright would lead the roar against any statement which could be interpreted as industrial injustice. The treatment of his dad was an ongoing scar.

But he told me that the hereditary genetic basis of the fire in his belly mostly derived from his mother, Helen. She had led the first big dispute for better conditions at the old Pontefract liquorice works. which used to produce most of Britain's indigenous liquorice

All his life a devout Roman Catholic, he was selected to go to St Michael's College, a distinguished grammar school in Leeds, where he told me that a particular elderly teacher had imbued him with love of learning and the Classics. The im-

spirational schoolmaster was constantly harped upon by Enright during the many committee stages on educational Bills on which he served in the House of Commons. John Gunnell, leader of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council and now MP for Leeds South and Morley, whom Enright beat in selection for a European Parliament seat by 49 votes to 48, told me: "Derek was humorous and incisive throughout all the hours we spent on educational legislation together. He could make a point pic-

It was this love of the Classics which paved the way for a scholarship to Wadham College, Oxford, and the spell of the charismatic Warden of Wadham Sir Maurice Bowra.

Bowra took the view that the

whole Greats course required a good preparation before anyone could start it. He must have enough command of the ancient languages to be able to read them in bulk and to know what the text meant. If he could do this he would when he finished have had a training which exercises his mind in three quite different directions; first in ancient literature which would introduce him to a world unlike his own: second in ancient history which was a stiff discipline in the use of evidence and the assessment of historical fact; and third in abstract thinking, both in interpreting the works of philosophers and in forming some kind of philosophy for himself. Enright benefited to the full from this rich, if exacting,

Once Enright ended a difference of opinion with me on a matter of Labour Party policy, "Push off, and bury yourself Bowra's Periclean Athens then you'll know better!" Not quite the standard rebuke between parliamentary friends and colleagues.

Yorkshire coalfield to quote the Classics in their maiden speech. However, Enright was undeterred in speaking to the Commons on 13 November

This constituency has been destroyed because of the destruction of its industry, mining; a destruction that was completely unnecessary. We are left with real problems of memployment and all that goes with that with the drifting away of hospital care so that everything is centred outside the coneveryming a centred triang away of real jobs so that people have to move outside. One reason for that drifting away is that as a result of the Government's failure to obey European Community rules, we are not getting the money that we should un-der Rechar ["Reclaiming CHAR-bon" - EEC money for coalitied

Cato used to end all his speechswith the words "Delenda est Carthago". I will conclude all my speeches with a plea for money from Rechar. We have already sown the seeds of what needs to be done to being about the reconstruction in the seeds. to bring about job regeneration in my area. The small extra amount of monby the commission would make a tremendous difference. The mining part of the community that I reprepart of the community that I repre-sent is extremely important, even though only one pit is left. Our his-tory and our traditions are in min-ing and those traditions remain even when people move into other kinds of industry.

The reason why Enright was so popular in all parts of the Commons was that his serious points were laced with humour. In the same breath as berating the Government for not providing Euro funds he said, "There is also the village of Ackworth, where Geoff Boycott took his first faltering steps at the crease to become the greatest cricketer that the world has ever seen and a great Yorkshireman. Ultimately, because we pray for him every night, he will change his politics."

Within months of doing a DipEd, on account of his obvious quality of mind and nononsense discipline Enright became head of department in 1959 at the John Fisher School, at Purley in Surrey. In the course of my public life sever-

know Derek Enright? He was my Classics teacher. One hell of a bloke!" They remembered him vividly, and adored that which they remembered. Teaching Classics by definition to gifted children be was inspirational.

Partly for social conscience, partly out of a desire to return to his roots and partly out of political ambition and the feeling that South Yorkshire was more likely territory than Surrey for an honourably aspiring politi-cian in 1967, Enright moved to become deputy head of a comprehensive school. He later told the Commons:

Featherstone is another area that reatherstone is another area that once relied on coal and it is also where I tanglit for 12 years as deputy head of a comprehensive school which I beloed to establish. I am extremely proud of the comprehensive education system. My school vied with eight grammar schools and produced results better than any of them – and for many more children. That is why I am proud of the com-That is why I am proud of the com-That is why I am proud of the com-prehensive system and why I support my colleague Derek Fatchett, MP for Leeds Central, in all his splendid work to make education once more a human thing with human values. In 1974 Enright became a

West Yorkshire County Councitlor whose rumbustious good sense impressed itself on the dis-cerning Sir Alec Clegg, the dis-tinguished chief education officer of the West Riding. As a trustee of the British India Steam Navigation Company ship school scheme I had known Clegg well and he told me he was delighted that Enright should become a member of the European Parliament for Leeds in 1979. He was one of the members of the first directly elected European Parliament to make serious use of the opportunity. In April 1984 he produced an important pioneering report on Namibia: Only time will tell whether the latest initiatives launched in southern Africa will turn out to be another false dawn as far as Namibian indepen-dence is concerned. Its past vicissitudes invite some scepticism. It is vital at this time for the EEC to reiterate

should not wait for full independence before granting aid and indeed it has not done so. Some conditional direct aid should be made available for huand snown the made available for nu-manitarian purposes in addition the community can step up aid to Namib-ians outside the commy both through aid for Namibian refugees and by offering fuller panoply of training and education possibilities for Namibians living outside their country.

When Enright was deselected in 1984, for reasons that had nothing to do with his excellent performance in the European Parliament and everything to do with the state of the Labour Party in Yorkshire at the time, he went to Africa as the EEC delegate in Guinea Bissau. His wife Jane, who gave him wonderful support in over three decades of happy marriage, says that Africa was a very fruitful part of their lives. This high opinion was reciprocated by people in Brussels who knew about the

was an MEP and took revenge by terminating his Guinea Bissau appointment.

'Derek only speaks Ancient Greek': Enright with his wife, Jane, on his winning the Hemsworth by-election in 1991.

As it happened the Hemsworth seat became vacant. The Labour Party was divided by the leadership's decision to impose a moderate candidate to fight in place of Ken Capstick, a close ally of Arthur Scargill. NUM of-ficials accused the leadership of "obsessive vendetta" against the miners and described Walworth Road's action as "creeping Stalinism". The Hemsworth constituency demanded a new selection process. After vetting all nine potential candidates the leadership's "by-election hit squad", led by Roy Hattersley, rejected Capstick and presented the local party with a short list of four moderate candidates. When the local party refused to endorse any of them the squad imposed Derek Enright. It is

should mend his fences after the famous by-election. His press conferences at the

HENSWORM BY-ELECTIVE

1991 by-election were described by one seasoned journalist as bilingual - English and Latin. His ex-pupils expatiated on his Latin versions of "Yellow Submarine" and "Eleanor Rigby". A Labour Walworth Road poster "Making Hemsworth Count" went up in a Feather-stone council house window. Underneath in Latin with translation was "And about time too". Enright took an active part in the social life of the House of Commons and went to Corfu to play cricket under the captaincy of Graham Allen, MP for Nottinghamshire East. As his colleagues cheerfully put it, "No amount of ouzo and retsina could heip" their colleague Derek "in his attempts to converse with his generous hosts." than one who had been mauled in a hearing by Enright when he casy to imagine the resentment once he was elected but it was in a hearing by Enright when he casy to imagine the resentment "Derek," they sadly shook their heads, "speaks only Ancient Greek."

Barbara Castle said, "Derek Enright was one of the best colleagues I had in the European Parliament." His colleagues in the House of Commons would echo the verdict of Enright's parliamentary neighbour and friend the deputy speaker Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse: "Derek, open to the point of sometimes being naive, was as sincere a man as I have ever met."

Derek Anthony Enright, schoolmaster and politician: born Thornaby-on-Tees, Cleveland 2 August 1935; Head of Classics, John Fisher School, Purley 1959-67; Deputy Head, St Wilfrid's, North Featherstone 1967-79; Member of the European Parliament (Labour) for Leeds 1979-84; EEC delegate in Guinea Bissau 1985-87; MP (Labour) for Hemsworth 1991-95; married 1963 Jane Simmons (two sons, two daughters); died London 31 October 1995.



Brian Lenihan served in a host of Irish cabinet posts, including three spells as foreign minister, an indication of his unusual popularity - and, latterly, of his unbending support for his leader Charles Haughey.

In 1990, 33 years after he was first elected to the Senate, Lenihan was Fianna Fail's natural choice to run as its 1990 Presidential candidate. His selfdeprecating manner attracted the goodwill of even the strongest political opponents.

Lenihan had courted controversy with abrasive remarks as foreign minister which raised Lenihan: 'No problem British hackles. But at home his easy-going style had seen ated one of Irish politics' most through changes such as the ending of widespread censorship of books. He was one of the "men in mobair suits", expedient younger Fianna Fail leaders associated with the rising new business class, known for

enjoying life to the full. Though his own electoral successes were mixed - he entered the Dail at the third attempt and lost his seat temporarily in 1973 – he was a valued adviser to Haughey after he replaced Jack Lynch in 1979. Lenihan had earlier tasted cabinet power at Justice, Education and Transport before his first spell as foreign minister in

His tenure at Justice gener-



notorious moments. When caught drinking after hours in a pub in a garda raid, Lenihan instantly sank any prosecution with the rhetorical offer to the boy in blue: "Will it be a pint or Ballyshannon?" (a posting in Donegal equivalent to Siberia). Such unwillingness to take anything too seriously (his personal catch-phrase "No problem" became part of the national

vocabulary) was typical. Revelations about his phone calls to a previous president in an attempt to avert a general election saw his 1990 campaign collapse. When he was dismissed from the cabinet, Irish newspapers talked of "political cannibalism" as Haughey ap-

peared to survive at Lenihan's expense. Lenihan won more first-preference votes but, aided by transfers from the Fine Gael third-placed candidate. the Labour-backed Mary Robinson pulled ahead.

Lenihan's practical side often appeared from somewhat foggy presentation and roundabout logic. A regular attender at the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation at Dublin Castle, he as when establishing a Loyalist and Republican consensus on seeking restoration of 50 per cent remission for paramilitary prisoners in British jails.

The SDLP deputy leader Seamus Mallon paid tribute to Brian Lemnan's commitment to non-violence in Irish affairs. "His influence has led to the situation where we will now be able to solve our problems by peaceful means," he said.

Alan Murdoch

Brian Joseph Lenihan, politician: born Dundalk, County Louth 17 November 1930; TD for Roscommon/Lettrim 1961-73, Dublin West 1977-95; Minister for For-eign Affairs 1973, 1979-81, 1987-90, Member of the European Parliament 1973-77; Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) 1987-90; married 1958 Ann Devine (four sons, one daughter); died Dublin 1 November 1995.

For almost a decade, Barry Hall was a central figure in British small-press publishing and letterpress printing.

Born in Westminster in 1933,

its full support for implementation of aid and help and to back up that

communent by offering an inde-pendent Namiba a clear opportunity for permanent political and econo-my links. However the community

he was educated at Highgate College and St Martin's School of Art, then worked in London as an engraver. In 1961 he moved to the United States for a year, living mostly in San Francisco. There he became friendly with many of the poets and crum, and produced many volsought out areas of agreement, | painters of the San Francisco umes for Bernard Stone's Renaissance, and exhibited his own work at the newly opened Batman Gallery.

Hampstead, and hand-set, printed and published books by Elaine Feinstein, Charles Olson, Aram Saroyan and others: many for the first time in Britain. Other small presses benefited from his skills: he printed the first edition of Basil Bunting's Briggflatts for Ful-

Back in London he co-found-

ed the Goliard Press in 1964 in

a ramshackle stable in West

Turret Books.

Maschler, it came under the Jonathan Cape umbrella as Cape Goliard. Hall continued working, producing a list that in-cluded Neruda, Ginsberg, Paul Blackburn, J.H. Prynne, Gael Turnbull and Ted Berrigan, un-til one day, bored, he left the rollers halfway across a page of type, walked out, and went to

Barry Hall

For many years he was on the move. Breeding quarter-horses Goliard was so successful Mexico. Writing scripts in Lontew years he began to paint solved 1977);
that in 1967, through the efforts don. Filming Dale Herd's again, but exhibitions planned October 1995.

of Nathaniel Tarn and Tom Dreamland Court in Los Angeles. Recovering from a severe illness in Newport, Rhode Island. Making a television film on Kerouac. Working again (briefly) as an engraver in London. Then he visited Africa, fell in love with Kenya, and moved there.

> on the edge of the Masai Mara game reserve, and built up a film and television production com-

Alaska had to be postponed. The pictures, films and books mark his passage, but the hole left in the lives of the friends of this remarkable and elegant

this autumn in California and

man is his most obvious trace.

For more than 10 years he Barry Leonard Hall, painter, lived, with Beth Vanderwater, printer, film-maker: born London 15 January 1933; married 1956 Jackie Hilton (two sons: marriage dissolved 1971), 1973 Kathy and making movies in New pany in Nairobi. During the last Ainsworth (one son; marriage dissolved 1977); died Nairobi 29

Sir Wallace Rowling

the New Zealand Labour leader Bill Rowling because I wanted to destroy the myth that he was, as Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition, a weak and ineffective leader, writes John Hender-

son [further to the obituary by David Barber, 1 November]. I failed to achieve my objective. Labour was defeated in the 1981 election, and before long David Lange took over as Labour leader and, in 1984, his political friends and foes at gressive populism and fearlast recognised that it is possi-

a strong leader. Rowling was able to be por-

trayed as weak by his political foes because his small size and high-pitched voice contrasted so vividly with the larger-than-life political figures who surrounded him. Norman Kirk, whom Rowling succeeded as Labour leader following Kirk's sudden death in 1974, was a giant of a man, and one of New Zealand's few charismatic leaders. The National Party leader Robert Prime Minister. Only with Muldoon brought out the worst Rowling's untimely death have in New Zealanders with his agmongering which succeeded in Prime Minister he avoided the

Prime Minister after only 15 months in office. Lange eventually emerged from the wings, and his booming oratory signalled a growing impatience to take over the leadership reins

from Rowling. But I believe Bill Rowling was a stronger leader than any of these more illustrious figures. As Minister of Finance he enforced a degree of realism on Kirk's ambitious programmes for social spending at a time when the oil shocks had dramatically reversed New Zealand's economic fortunes. As

In 1981 I wrote a biography of ble to be both a gentleman and ending Rowling's period of temptation that Muldoon easy about promoting himself would later succumb to of seeking to isolate New Zealand from the realities of the international market.

> At the other extreme, as Labour Party leader he constrained the free-market excesses of his Finance spokesman, Roger Douglas, who would later be given a virtual free hand by David Lange to transform the New Zealand economy at great expense to Labour's traditional supporters.

In failing to make his mark as a strong and effective leader Rowling was in many ways his own worst enemy. He felt un-

and refused to change his style to meet the demands of the politics of the television age. I can understand why. I was brought up in the same rural setting of the Motueka district at the top of New Zealand's sparsely populated South Island, where any flaunting of one's abilities, or public displays of emotion were

frowned upon. This was the origin of Rowling's low-key, self-effacing and passionless style. But it was also a source of the strength of his leadership, which was firmly based on a sense of duty to serve the community.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

HARVEY: The Rev Oliver Douglas, on All Saints Day, in his 95th year. Fu-neral, Puddletown Parish Church, Ipm, on Friday 10 November 1995.

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Changing of the Guard The Howchold Cavalry Mounted Regiment arounts the Queen's Life Guard at Burse Guards. Ham: F Orupany Scots Custos mounts the Queen's Guard at Budeningham Phaloe, H. Mun, band provided by the Coldstream Guards.

Birthdays

Lord Ashburton, former chairman, Barings, 67; The Earl of Aylesford, former Lord-Licutenant of the West Midlands region, 77; Lady Bathurst, former diplomat, 75; Sir David Calcutt QC, former Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 65: Sir Clifford Chetwood, chairman, Broadgate Properties, 67; Mr Keith Emerson, rock musician, 51; Mr John Fingerbut, pharmaceutical chemist, 85; The Right Rev Philip Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester, 66; Mr Desmond Hamill, television reporter, 59; Dr Ronald Hedley, former Di-

rector, Natural History Museum, 67: Mr Paul Johnson, author and journalist, 67; Mr Alan Jones, grand prix driver, 49; Mr David Lea, Assistant General Secretary, TUC, 58; Sir Bruce Martin QC, former chairman, North Western Regional Health Authority, 57; Miss Juliet Mills, actress, 54; Miss Pauline Neville-Jones, Political Director and Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, 56; Sir Peter Newsam, former Director, London Institute of Education, 67; Sir Ronald Oxburgh, Rector, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, 61; Professor Norman Pye, geographer, 82; Mr Ivor Roberts-Jones, sculptor, 82: Mr Ken Rosewall, tennis player, 61; Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, former chairman of Sainsbury's, 68; Mr Bruce Welch, rock

Anniversaries Births: Daniel Boone, frontiersman, 1734; Marie Antoinette, Queen of King Louis XVI of France, 1755; Burt Lancaster, actor, 1913. Deaths: Jen-

ny Lind (Johanna Maria), soprano,

1887; George Bernard Shaw, playwright, 1950; James Grover Thurber, humorous writer and cartoonist. 1961. On this day: the Daily Mirror was first published, as a daily news-paper for women, 1903; Lord Balfour made his Declaration regarding a Jewish national home in Palestine, 1917; Channel 4 television was started, 1982. Today is the Feast Day of All Souls, St Marcian of Cyrrhus and

National Gallery: Frances Borzello. "The Loves of the Gods (i): Niccolò dell'Abate, The Death of Eurydice",

St Victorinus of Pettau.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Irène Logan, "16th-century Limoges Enamels", 2.30pm National Portrait Gallery: Com-mander H.D. Howse, "Nevil Maske-

lyne (1732-1811), Astronomer Royal", 1.10pm. King's College London, London WC2: Professor Petros Themelis, Recent Research in Ancient

Messene", 6pm. Royal Institute of British Architects, London W1: Piers Gough, "How Good Architecture Can Regenerate Forgotten Areas of the

and the Environment", 5.30pm.

Luncheons Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, hosted a huncheon held yesterday at 1 Cariton fessor Julia Higgins and Mr Martin Gardens, London SW1, in honour of Tims were the speakers.

Mr José Miguel Insulza, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chile.

HM Government Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lan-

caster House, London SW1, for President Museveni of Uganda.

Royal Geographical Society The Princess Royal attended the President's Dinner of the Royal Ge-

ographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) held yes-terday evening at Goldsmith's Hall, London EC2. Sir David Putman was the speaker. Earl Jellicoe was in the chair. Among others present were:

Counters Jellicor, Viscount and Viscounters Countets Jellicoc; Viscount and Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein; Lady Puttnam; Sir George and Lady Bishop; Lord and Lady Chodey; Lady Durby; Sir Paul and Lady Girolani; Sir Crispin Tekell; Mr and Mrs Robin Buchanna-Dunliop; Professor and Mrs Robin Buttle; Dr Mardn Frost; Dr Rita Gardnar; Dr and Mrs John Hennulog; Miss Elspeth Insch; Dr John Jennings; Professor Gren Lucus; Professor William Mead; Dr Kate Rawins; Mr Alan Tritton; Mr and Mrs Rer Walford; Professor and Mrs Michael Wise.

City', 7pm. Royal Society, London SW1: Mr M.R. Hoffman, "Water Companies and Technology

and Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman, Foundation for Science and Technology, was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion held vesterday evening at the Royal Society, London SW1. Lord Henley, Minister of State for Education and Employment, Pro-

Decision to exclude church leader was unfair

the Home Department, ex parte Moon; Queen's Bench Division (Mr Justice Sedley); l November 1995

A person applying for entry clearance to come to the United Kingdom is entitled to an opportunity to respond to matters raised against him before a decision is made.

Mr Justice Sedley declared that the Home Secretary's decision of 27 October 1995 refusing entry clearance to the applicant, Sun Myung Moon, was unlawful by reason of procedural unfairness. The applicant, the founder

and leader of the Unification Church, was required by the Home Secretary to have entry clearance to visit the United Kingdom. The applicant last came to the UK in 1978. In 1989 the applicant was re-

fused entry but, on appeal, an adjudicator directed that entry clearance should be issued in December 1991, and again in July 1992 with effect until January 1993.

On 18 October 1995 the apits members and widespread plicant applied to the entry clearance officer in Seoul, Korea, for a visit to the UK from 3 to 5 November. The purpose (D.I. Coombs & Co) for the applicant;

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of the visit, described as a sin- Michael Beloff QC and Ian Burnett gle private visit, was to meet (Treasury Solicitor) for the Home members of the church and to be briefed about the church here, and on 4 November to a Mr Justice Sedley said that deliver a speech to 1,200 guests, many of whom were members of the church. The application was referred to the Home Secretary, who decided on 27 October to refuse entry clearance

conducive to the public good. The applicant applied for juthe grounds, among others, that the Home Secretary was under a continuing obligation to comply with the adjudicator's 1991 direction and the applicant had not been given the opportunity to deal with the factors taken into account by the Home Secretary, which according to the evidence in-

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concern about the church and the applicant's visit. David Pannick QC and Mark Shaw

to the public good.

there was now no right of appeal to an adjudicator where the ground that the Home Secretary concluded that a person's exclusion was conducive

It was contended that the Home Secretary's decision could not withstand the strict dicial review of the decision on scrutiny required by the law. The Unification Church was a lawful organisation and enjoyed charitable status. However, many things might be contrary to the public good without being unlawful. Although the decisions in December 1991 and July 1992 were both relevant facts to which the Home Secretary must have regard, there was no obligation in law to grant entry clearance. Nothing in the history of the case or the law truncated the making of the de-

cision of whether exclusion to them. was in the public good. The question therefore was

exercised his power fairly. There was no perceptible reason in the Home Secretary's decision letter for his conclusion on 27 October. There was a want of fairness in failing to afford the applicant to deal with why in 1995, unlike in 1992, it was not in the public good for him to come here. There was entry clearance was refused on a departure from the ground rule that there was an obligation to listen fairly to both sides. The timescale was not such as to make that principle inap-

> popular applicant who was entitled to that principle. The objection to the applicant, as opposed to the organisation, was that the visit would seek to promote his church and therefore was not conducive to the public good, but there was a distinction between the promotion of the church and the encouragement of existing adherents. The applicant's plans. including addressing 1,200 guests, were for the Home

plicable. It was precisely the un-

Secretary to weigh. The applicant now had the Home Secretary's reasons for his decision and could respond

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The right wing plot to get Lord Mackay

Paul Vallely explains how the 'Daily Mail' organised a Tory backlash against the divorce Bill

For years William Oddie has been pressing upon the editors of opinion pages on national newspapers sarticle after article, all on a single theme - how the Conservative government, for all its rhetoric about the family, has presided over a raft of legsistation which has systematically . undermined the institution it purports to cherish. With equally tedious regularity the editors have mostly turned them down.

But this month Mr Oddie found his time had come. For more than a year ministers, MPs and journalists had maintained no more than a vague awareness of two bills - to reform divorce and to extend protection against domestic violence to those who are neither spouses nor partners. Only the zealous Mr Oddie, it seemed, bothered to read them all the way through.

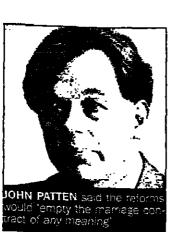
Zeal is one of William Oddie's Bow Group, a tax on most distinct characteristics. He was for many of his years as an Anglican eleric best known for the fervour and vituperation of his prose as a traditionalist scourge of his more progressive fellows before finally turning his back on them and heading for

Almost everyone else had regarded the divorce and domestic violence reforms as non-controversial measures to tidy up the law. Indeed the Family Homes and Domestic Violence bill had gone through all its stages in the House of Lords, and was on its last stage in the Commons, when the article by William Oddie in the Daily Mail exploded the issue into a massive controversy. Of which, more later.

But it was in the Daily Telegraph that the first signs of the current familial fundamentalism emerged. Towards the end of September John Patten - who as education secretary had tried to reintroduce a moral dimension into sex education but was foiled by the Department of Health pronounced that the reforms were a bad thing. Every time there had been reform, he argued, it had been followed by an increase in the divorce rate. The latest would "empty the marriage contract of any meaning' and "turn a contract for life into a probationary matter." He predicted the phrase "party of the family" would turn to ashes in Tory mouths.

But there was more in the air than moral majoritarianism. The man responsible for the reforms, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, it was becoming clear, could expect no backing from his colleagues in the legal profession. The man who wanted to traditionalists. Then came the former of audience, make judges work longer for their generous pensions and turn legal aid into a bargain basement service, was, at the beginning of October. accused of humbug by Martin Mears. the new demonic president of the Law Society. In a piece for the Sunday Telegraph he predicted that, with his not impressive record, the Lord Chancellor would not remain long in

As Mr Mears fulminated, Mr Oddie burrowed away and Mr Patten began to whip in a few fellow Catholic Tories including Julian Brazier, the MP for Canterbury who had earlier proposed,



couples. They were joined from the other end of the religious spectrum by a group called Christian Action Research and Education

which, with its happy acronym CARE, was the renamed Nationwide Festival of Light. an evangelical body dedicated to "awakening the Protestant conscience of the nation and deter-

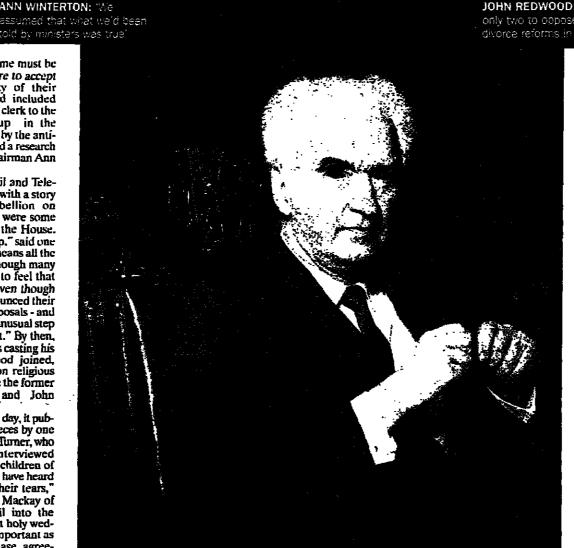
mined that a sense of blame must be maintained if couples were to accept the moral responsibility of their divorce. Others involved included Christopher Whitehouse, clerk to the All-Party Pro-Life Group in the Commons (a post funded by the antiabortion group, SPUC) and a research assistant to the group's chairman Ann Winterton MP.

By October 18 the Mail and Telegraph were able to go big with a story about a backbench rebellion on divorce noting that there were some 18 Catholic Tory MPs in the House. "It was quite a small group," said one Catholic insider. "By no means all the Catholic Tories agreed, though many of the others later began to feel that they have to fall in line even though the Catholic bishops announced their support for Mackay's proposals - and last week took the highly unusual step of reiterating that support." By then, however, John Patten was casting his net wider. John Redwood joined, bringing on board the non religious isters of their sole rights ministers Edward Leigh and John MacGregor.

The Mail kept at it. Next day, it published a series of hefty pieces by one of its star writers, Graham Turner, who announced he had interviewed "some" of the 1.6 million children of divorced British parents. "I have heard their sighs and counted their tears." he wrote, accusing Lord Mackay of hammering another "nail into the coffin of marriage" so that holy wedlock is now "not even as important as your average hire purchase agreement". Apocalyptically he concluded: "Stable marriages are the very foundation stone of our society. Without









them the modern state would collapse within a decade.

But it was William Oddie's article which detailed how a new fast-track parliamentary procedure had been used, ensuring that there was no Commons debate over this bill to "sabotage" marriage at the behest of feminist groups and the domestic violence Similar industry". rights could go to

homosexual pariners. Tory backbenchers were not yet outraged. The best the paper's news reporters could summon in support of its scoop was: "One Tory MP said yesterday: I have not heard of this bill and do not know what it contains. But if we are to be asked to vote for anything that harms marriage I believe there could be trouble'." But they got outraged pretty swiftly after an Oxford-based traditionalist think tank. Family and Youth Concern, for which, by happy coincidence Mrs Oddie wife works, circulated his article to all Tory MPs. For good measure so did the Conservative Campaign for the Family. "It was almost as if MPs didn't think it was an issue, "said Oddie, "until it appeared in the Mail,.

Ann Winterton confesses to the truth of this. "We left it until the 11th hour," she said. "Until then we had just assumed that what we had been told by ministers was true. There had been no debate. Under the fast track They want the money for any tax cuts the second reading took 10 minutes before the Home Affairs select committee on the day of the Tory leadership election."

There was another potent ingredient in the mix. On Friday October 27 the Telegraph's front page revealed that backbenchers feared the domestic violence bill would be used by "politically correct judges" to extend the rights of cohabitees. Inside, one of its most charming ideologues, Dean Godson, reminded readers of Lord Mackay's training schemes in racial awareness for judges, his controversial desire to see more women, black and Asian lawvers and heaven forbid. homosexuals on the bench. Mackay was the man who didn't prosecute the

Muslim extremist Kalim Siddiqui for inciting racial hatred but did allow the prosecution of British soldiers accused of war crimes in the Falklands. And he had scrapped the Kilmuir rules restricting public pronouncements by members of the So there's the rub. It was Lord

Mackay's tolerance which had allowed Lord Justice Taylor so swiftly to rebut Michael Howard's speech to the Tory conference proposing no remission for good behaviour for the nation's prisoners. It was a theme which John Patten had first introduced in his article the month before in which he lambasted Mrs Justice Hale, one of the five top lawyers who sat on the Law Commission to propose revisions to tidy up legal anachronisms. Justice Hale had apparently said, when she was an academic, "we should be considering whether the legal institution of marriage continues to serve any useful purpose". Worse than that she was a divorced woman. Or as the Daily Mail preferred to put it vesterday "a twice-married feminist".

"If this is the kind of person who is on the Law Commission do we wonder when it comes up with advice which is so faulty," said Mrs Winterton. The Daily Mail - whose editor Paul Ducre is known to rail in editorial conferences about "the nonelected, self-appointed judiciary agrees. His paper vesterday ran a vitriolic attack on the Law Commission, pointing out that it was founded by a Labour Government, though neglecting to say why after 16 years in power the Conservatives have not felt it necessary so far to reform or abolish

Instead it revealed that Lord Mackay is about to be embroiled in another row, over the Law Commission's report on the mentally infirm which, it predicts, will introduce legalised euthanasia and compulsory organ donation.

Those of us who for the past three years have consistently campaigned to put family values back on the agenda are closer to the potential for a profound shift in public mood than many politicians," it opined. Not everyone so convinced.

More thoughtful family moralists like the Liberal Democrat MP David Alton have called for a tax system which is at least fiscally neutral (at present both tax and benefits systems are skewed in favour of the unmarried). to go on incremental tax allowances added to every year that a marriage survives. They have suggested that "family impact statements" attached to every government policy proposal. They want policies to help lower the record levels of personal debt and negative equity - and of excessive hours at work - which cause such strain on many marriages. And they point out that papers like the Mail were keen advocates of Sunday Trading laws which have placed additional stresses on family life.

Family values, it seems, are some-thing which no newspaper, and no political party, can afford to be with-out theses days. Though you can, of course, have too much of a good thing.

Diary

DAVID LISTER

Tony Blair is against the legalisation of cannabis, but he once played in a rock band. Is this not a contradiction in terms? Lead singer and occasional guitarist Blair, relaxing after a gig with fellow members of Ugly Rumours in the early Seventies without so much as a puff? I think not.

My colleague John Rentoul, who is Blair's biographer, has had two replies

from the Ugly Rumours frontman about whether he indulged. "I didn't do drugs," was the first hald response from the man himself, followed by a more evasive line from Alastair Campbell, Blair's press spokesman, that "if he had evasive line from Alastair Campoeu, Diair's press spokesman, that "if the had come across drugs, you can be sure he would have inhaled". This dig at President Clinton's delightful obfuscation that he smoked cannabis but never inhaled may in itself be a smokescreen. Rentoul's researches showed that Ugly Rumours in used be a smokestreed. Religious of the state of the s Blair was a terrible singer. This alone may have prevented anyone from offering him a puff, and salvaged his reputation for Shadow Cabinet battles ahead.

Andrew Davies should be resting on his laurels after his BBC adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. Would that he were resting on his laurels, and not trying his hand at literary criticism. Writing about P and P in the Daily Mail this week. Mr Davies ventures into a series of character analyses which I would advise all A-level students to ignore. Here is a sample. "Miss Bingley is, I suppose, a bit of a power bitch from hell, Lydia is a real goer but Lizzie and Jane are pure gold, two types of the ideal woman, depending on whether you like your girlfriend to be lippy or not." I can't wait for his pre-production

thoughts on the BBC drama department's next project, Jane Ansten's Emma. You remember, Emma, frield snob and Mr Knightley, boring old bart. And both decidedly lippy.

la at the Beatles nostalgia, one exercise tickled the fancy. The new cuiting of the London listings he Time Out, speculates on how the world would have turned out if The Beatles hadn't existed. There would be no Linda McCanney recipes, Cilla Black would be an unknown middle aged horsewife, Charles Manson would have spent Christmas at home, Yeko Ona would have been a Turner prize-winning avant-garde artist, there would have been no summer of love,



Lydia (Julia Sawalha): 'a real goer'

and we would all be in blissful geographic ignorance of the Mull of

Kintyre. The most seismic sociological change, though, is that skiffle would have continued to capture the hearts and minds of Britain's youth, not having been so rudely displaced by the Mersey sound in 1963. I am sure that had The Beatles not occurred. Lonnie Donegan would have become the "fab one", his washboard would be fetching millions at Sotheby's, and we would now be hyping the Donegan out-takes, claiming Lonnie is Dead by playing "Putting on the Style backwards, and discovering heroin allusions in "Rock Island

The bookshop as pick-up joint remains an unlikely scenario in Britain unless one is turned on by the scent of mustiness in the smaller retail outlets or vinyl plastic in the larger stores. But I'm told that the giant bookstore run by the publishers Barnes and Noble in New York is the hip meeting place for aesthetically inclined singles. Two aspects, both crucially absent from our own Water-stone's, Books Etc. WH Smith a al, make the Barnes and Noble store so conducive to romance. One is that customers are allowed to sit at a long table reading possible purchases for as long as they like. The other is that coffee and cakes are served. Whether this adds to the shop's turnover, I'm not sure. But it beats evening classes and late-night openings at supermarkets. And one can always say one has to make a quick dash to modern

fiction and never return. Which is difficult at dinner parties.

Instead of complaining about discounting and the demise of the net book agreement, our booksellers would be better advised to make the sbops more romantic. Armchairs, tea and cakes, mulled wine in the winter. maybe even a string quartet. Sales

will go through the roof. Channel 4 news staff working at the ITN building have received a rare visitation from Michael Grade, the channel's chief executive. The sighting followed reports that BSkyB had bid to replace ITN as supplier of Channel 4 News. Media analysts who speculated on the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the Sky operation would have done better to speculate on that far more germane factor, the personality clash. Michael Grade loathes Sky's ultimate boss, Rupert Murdoch, And so, to quell the speculation, Mr Grade blew into the ITN building, summoned the Channel 4 news staff together, informed them: "I have written to Rupert Murdoch and told him to get lost," and blew out again.

Poor Mariah Carey. Well, not literally, perhaps. But, the American songstress has been singled out for unchivalrous attack by the chairman of the giant BMG record company, John i it's been done."

Preston. Mr Preston warned at a radio convention that radio in London was in danger of becoming a "bland soup" of adult contemporary music playing nothing but wall-to-wall hits from the likes of Mariah Carey. I suspect her enormously popular middle-of-the-road melodies are simply not to his liking. It is a matter of aesthetic taste. l don't for a minute believe his disdain of her has anything to do with the fact that she lives with one of Mr Preston's rivals, the president of Sony Music, Tommy Mottola.



Carey: dishing up bland soup?

A new board game, Riotous Applanse, comes on to the market today. It tries to weave together several popular parlour games. Landing on one spot means you have to answer a quiz question, on another you have to perform a charade, on another indulge in creative speaking, etc. I chatted with a leading games agents at the launch yesterday. He said he receives 4,000 games ideas a vear. Only two of those make it on to the market. It is thus, he estimates, 100 times harder to get a game accepted than to have a book published. Perhaps instead of the struggling novelist, the new romantic anti-hero should be a destitute board-game inventor, sitting in a pokey bedsit, cold and hungry, forlornly shaking the dice in his trembling hands as his brain searches litfully for inspiration, "I've got it, a race around London, buying and selling property, a satire on the whole capitalist ethic ... oh damp.

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Regina versus the politicians

Something extraordinary is going on in the relationship between judges and politicians. In the last month, we have seen the Lord Chief Justice swept aside by the Home Secretary in a dispute over sentencing and a violent row between Government and Eurojudges over the Gibraltar shootings. Judicial review of faulty ministerial acts is becoming commonplace.

Then there is Lord Nolan, the judge brought in by the Prime Minister to calm public anxiety about the ethics of MPs. A rebellion inside the Tory party now threatens the proposed Nolan rule book. Mean-while Sir Richard Scott sits polishing his long-delayed report on arms sales to Iraq. The latest conflict is a vicious campaign

against Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor. Led by the Daily Mail, this attack has so far come in three waves. First, against the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill, sent back for re-drafting after being falsely dubbed the "Live-in lovers' Bill" by Mail headline writers. (The Bill actually extends protection against violence to those who are neither spouses nor partners.) Then came the assault on the Divorce Bill, whose central purpose is to prevent marriage breakdowns leading to pointless and costly argument about fault"; the Bill substitutes a mandatory one-year cooling-off period to encourage reconciliation or, where that is impossible, orderly discussion about children and money. This "anti-family" Bill may not

now make the Queen's Speech.
The Mail went for the hat-trick yesterday by suggesting that Lord Mackay is about to sanction involuntary euthanasia in response to a report by the Law Commission, the official body that makes proposals on complex new areas of law. If backed by government, these are then framed as legislation for Parliament to consider. In vilifying the commission as a relic of the permissive 1960s (yes, the Mail is still haunted by this faraway decade) the newspaper yesterday lambasted the "twice-married feminist" Mrs Justice Hale,

·1984 to 1994, as yet another enemy of fam-

Apart from the personal hypocrisy of the people who own this newspaper and who write this claptrap, two things are going on here. The first is that a Parliament stung by its own shame and failure into accepting external scrutiny of its members' financial affairs is peevishly sniping back. Judges were brought into the political process in a new way because of the perceived crisis of legitimacy of our politicians. Now the politicians and their press baron allies are seeking to discredit the judges and law officers.

The second is a growing conservative backlash on personal morality and "the family". It first hit the political mainstream with Mr Major's self-imploding "Back to Basics" programme and has been buttressed by the conservative moralism of New Labour, partially inspired by com-munitarianism. The fact that Lord Mackay is, as the Prime Minister put it last week, one of the most civilised, decent and humane men" will not stop the propaganda. Mackay is painted as the politically gormless tool of dark, permissive purposes.

As the election approaches, there will be more of this. But before blocking your ears, remember that most of this talk about "family policy" has little to do with the way we really live. A third of children are born out of wedlock: policy-makers cannot ignore such realities. And for the Mail to dress its social authoritarianism in Burkean Tory robes, insisting that the best government is the least government, merely underlines its deep confusion.

So next time you encounter a right-wing political tirade against the judges, remember this. The politicians can see the judicial tanks on their lawn and they don't like it. Rather than set about serious reform of the democratic institutions over which they preside, which is the only way they will regain respect, too many parliamentarians prefer the good old ways. Blame the 1960s. Blame Europe. Blame the judges. Such diversionary rhetoric will not blow away the public's disenchantment.

Nigeria's deadly poker game

It's time to get tough with the Nigerian languishing in prison accused of treason, after being deposed by Abacha. death is just the latest in a long line of human rights abuses by Nigerian military rulers, not to mention the repression of democracy, repeated acts of corruption and complete economic incompetence.

Ken Saro-Wiwa is an environmental activist and leading campaigner for the rights of the Ogoni people. When four supporters of the Nigerian government were murdered in May 1994, Saro-Wiwa was one of the first to be rounded up. According to Amnesty International, he was beaten and tortured in prison, and his trial was a violation of justice.

If the international outcry is great enough, the Nigerian authorities may back down. For the military leader, General Abacha, it is a poker game with a pay-off: threaten to do something appalling, provoke a denunciation and then back down. In reponse the world community, relieved,

reflects that Nigeria is not so bad after all. The Commonwealth heads of government meeting in New Zealand next week should not fall for any tricks this time. The crimes of the Nigerian government are by no means confined to Saro-Wiwa's death sentence. The victor of the democratic elections in 1993, Moshood Abiola, is still

exerted on the regime to introduce democracy. The sticky question is whether to go as far as economic sanctions. With a divided opposition, a fractious army, weak national institutions and a stubborn current leader, economic sanctions could destabilise the situation even further. And the moral argument for sanctions has been robbed of some of its force by President Nelson Mandela's remark vesterday that the South African government "prefers quiet persuasion of Nigeria".

The fact remains that apartheid South Africa is the perfect model of the role international economic pressure can play. In view of the failure of other forms of pressure, the case is now strong for introducing an oil embargo against Nigeria. The Commonwealth Conference should agree to introduce an embargo within the next few months unless the Nigerian government undertakes firm arrangements for an election next year under international supervision. It is the only language the military government understands. But if the threat alone doesn't work, the international community should brace itself for the long haul; for sanctions rarely deliver quick results.

ANOTHER VIEW Ian Craft

The generous gift of life

"I often wonder what they would reply those couples with their children in the

if I should say: 'What is it I can't buy that you possess and got for free,

something that I'd give the world to own, and with the world to give, still could not

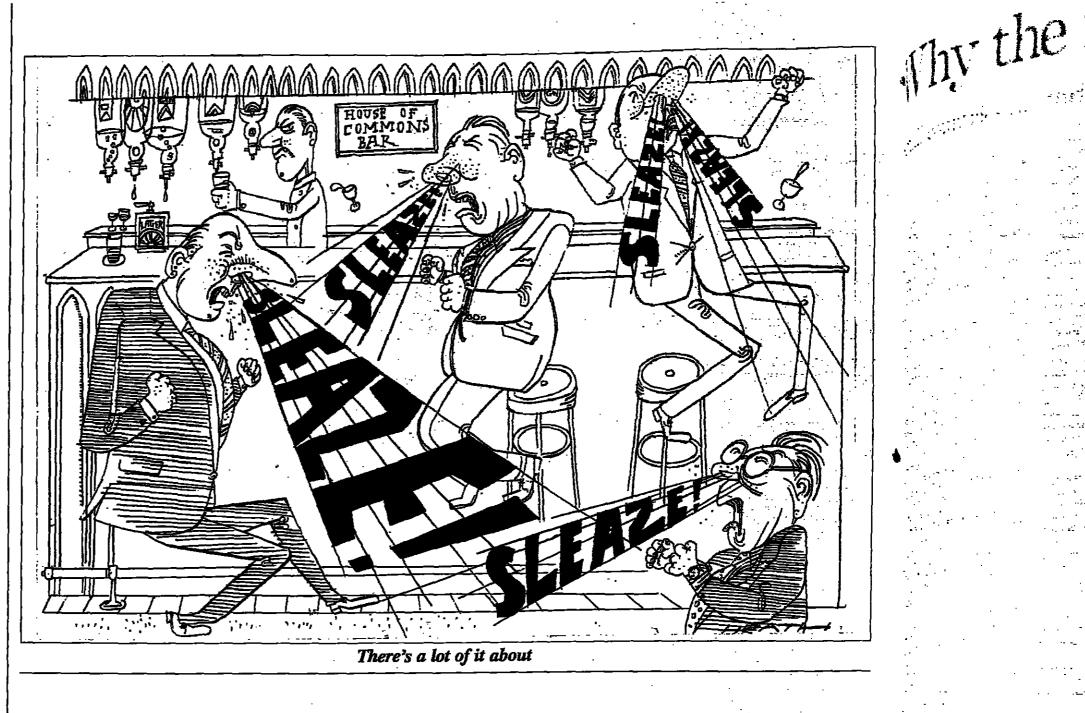
Roger Frith's poem on the plight of the infertile expresses in a dignified and emotive way what it is like to be barren. Last night's BBC TV programme Here and Now on the question of payment for egg donors was sinister in its immendo. It devalued an important continuing debate by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Association (HFEA). It tried to implicate one recruiting organisation (HOPE) and our centre by arranging for a "sham" couple to meet an agent of that organisation and then secretly filming the discussion with our nurse. One TV programme trailer maliciously indicated that the centre made "gifts" to prospective

donors, something it has never done. The ethics and morals of egg donation are well known to us since we pioneered this treatment in 1986 and have published repeatedly on the subject. The case is straightforward. All prospective donors are screened by medical personnel and usually see an independent counsellor. We have only ever recompensed donors with justifiable expenses, as agreed with the HFEA. We are aware that gifts/payments may occur on occasions between respective parties, although we would prefer that donations were truly altruistic. Sperm donors receive £15 "expenses", and surrogate mothers surely do not carry someone lse's child for nine months for pleasure.

The HFEA has been aware of the recruiting organisation for some time and has never suggested that we, or the other five centres using its donors, should cease to do so. It confirmed that payment is not illegal between private individuals. In June, we participated in an HFEA symposium on the payment of egg donors and reiterated our previously published openminded view (Independent, 25 August 1994) for a non-profit making national body with paid counsellors, doctors and nurses to assist, recruit and monitor egg and sperm donors countrywide. We hoped more donors would then come forward, especially encouraged by advertising similar to those offering "life after death" by donating eyes, kidneys etc. Why not "life before death" for the infertile if egg and sperm donation were more widely available? For those destined to be barren,

"life" as they know it is incomplete. It is easy to criticise, to be negative, to be underhand and try to catch people out. The BBC has a lot to answer for.

The writer is director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre.



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Numerous injustices at the trial of Nigerian playwright

From Mr Michael Birnbuum, QC Sir: You report today on your front page the death sentence handed out to the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and his co-defendants by a "special tribunal" in Nigeria ("Playwright sentenced to death", 31 October). In March of this year, I went to Port Harcourt in Nigeria to observe the proceedings of this "special tri-bunal" on behalf of the Bar Human Rights Committee and the Law Society.

Fifteen men were charged with the brutal murder of four Ogoni chiefs in a riot in Rivers State on 23 May 1994. The president of Mosop (the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People), Ken Saro-Wiwa, and two others were alleged to have incited the other 12 defendants to commit the murders. The Federal Military Government had decreed that the trial should take place before a "Civil Disturbances Special Tribunal". Its members, two judges inated by the president, General Abacha. Its decisions were to be subject only to confirmation by the Provisional Ruling Council of Nigeria. There was to be no right of appeal, even though death is the mandatory punishment for murder in Nigeria.

Abuses abounded at the trial. For example, Lt Col Okuntimo,

prosecution of the defendants, insisted on being present at their conferences with counsel. Astonishingly, and despite the protests of the defence, the tribunal decided that it would hear two trials concurrently, one of five and the other of 10 defendants.

The vast majority of the witnesses were common to both trials. Therefore the prosecution could call all their witnesses twice, while each defendant would have only one opportunity to cross-examine and would be in peril of conviction based on evidence that he had not even

claiming to identify some of the killers.

oners of conscience. Now nine of the defendants

The nature of the evidence. much of it inconsistent and confused, had a strong whiff of cor-ruption about it. The two principal prosecution witnesses against Saro-Wiwa had swom affidavits alleging that they and many of their fellow witnesses had been bribed to give false evidence. Other witnesses who, in their claim even to have seen the murders, later made statements

My concerns about the injustice of the proceedings and the tribunal's lack of independence, published in a report by Article 19 in June, are shared by many other observers. Amnesty International one of the prime movers in the adopted three of the defendants.

including Ken Saro-Wiwa, as pris-

have been convicted and sentenced to death. About 20 detainees are still in custody. Many, including the British government, have called for the death sentences to be commuted. This does not go far enough. It implies that the verdicts are legitimate and ignores the plight of those as yet untried. Supporters of the rule of law should press for the quashing of the guilty verdicts and the release of the detainees. Yours sincerely, Michael Birnbaum

Temple London, EC4 31 October

From Mr Tony Cunningham Sir. I was appalled to hear yes-terday that the military government of Nigeria has sentenced five members of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni Peo-

Ken Saro-Wiwa and his colleagues from Mosop have been involved in a peaceful protest against the destructive way in which oil is being extracted from the Rivers State Province of Nigeria. Since oil was discovered on their land in the mid-Fifties, the Ogoni people in the province have witnessed an ecological nightmare of oil spills, pipelines

driven through farms and villages and brutal suppression of any

Given the worsening situation in Nigeria, I have written to the European Commissioner responsible, Joao de Deus Pinheiro, asking for an urgent meeting. The overwhelming feeling within the European Parliament is that Nigeria should be suspended from the Lomé Convention and the second financial protocol should not apply. This would hit the Nigerian government extremely hard.

On top of this, we should find some way of providing financial support for community-based development through non-goverimental organisations, by-pass-ing the military dictatorship. We should also be providing support for pro-democratic groups within

Nigeria. In the past, perhaps, we in the European Parliament have been a little negative towards Nigeria. steps to try to achieve the democratic Nigeria that we all want. Yours sincerely, TONY CUNNINGHAM MEP for Cumbria and

Lancashire North (Lab) Cockermouth, Cumbria 31 October The writer is Lubour spokes-

person on development issues in the European Parliament.

John Lloyd has forgotten his South African past

From Mr Paul Trewhela Sir: There is a single issue for the Labour Party and the electors in Exeter in the affair of the Labour candidate. John Lloyd: has Mr Lloyd been candid with them? The point is: he was not candid, and still is not. Maritz van den Berg and Ron Press (Letters, 31 October) do not address this when they describe the campaign around Mr Lloyd as being "vindictive" and a "vendetta".

Last week, Mr Lloyd said he was not "a free agent" in his decision to give evidence against two friends in South Africa in 1964, one of whom was hanged, the other jailed for seven years ("I do not condone terrorism". Independent on Sunday, 29 October). This confirms his statement that he had turned state witness "under duress" (" 'Terrorism' returns to haunt candidate", 27 October). Mr Lloyd here confuses and conflates two distinct

The first refers to information torture. I do not know of anybody who was tortured then who did not make a statement of some kind as a result. Those of us who went to prison at that time never accused anyone of "betrayal" for giving information under tor- Parliament?

Hand signals

From Mr Gerry Hanson

should be shot".

Sir: The only problem with Peter

Barnett's otherwise admirable

suggestion of motorists signalling

a gun towards the temple (Let-

ters, 30 October) is that it can be

misconstrued as meaning "you

It must be remembered that

enraged motorists do not always

think rationally, and if a signal can

be misinterpreted it often will be.

For our launch on 6 October of

the campaign for courteous driving

in co-operation with the RAC, we 1 November

ture, we considered the act to be morally neutral. It could not be judged. Full culpability lay on the Yours sincerely. South African state.

A radically different situation followed later. After interrogation under torture, every one of us who was later convicted and sent to prison had the prior option of turning state witness. In this situation, there was no phys-We were free to choose, either

to face the consequences of being convicted in court, or of giving evidence for the state against friends and colleagues. It was a situation highly

charged with moral choice and personal responsibility. Contrary to his most recent statements, it was a decision in which Mr Lloyd was indeed a free moral agent.

Individuals might well feel they do not wish to judge Mr Lloyd for his actions in a far away country three decades ago, when he was a young man. The Labour Party and the electors in given to the secret police under Exeter are, however, entitled to expect full and honest disclosure. Instead, Mr Lloyd continues to fudge. Do they feel he can be trusted as an MP to show sufficient moral courage over issues that may arise in the next

suggested the formal adoption of

a signal many motorists already

use to say thank you. It is simply

to hold the left hand up - fingers

closed, open pain facing forward - at rear-view mirror beight. The

context will explain whether you

mean thank you or sorry. In tests

this was the only safe signal that

was not misunderstood. Its uni-

versal use could defuse many

potentially explosive situations.

Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire

Chairman, Polite Society

Yours truly,

GERRY HANSON

Or is this no longer a matter of concern in New Labour?

PAUL TREWHELA Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

From Ms Ann Wolfe Sir: John Lloyd gave evidence in court against his friends. The judge in the case against John Harris said of Mr Lloyd, "whether here or abroad he must sooner or later face his comrades".

In fact, John Lloyd has not had to face his "comrades". There has been no vindictive campaign against him, as alleged by Maritz van den Berg (Letters, 31 October). On the contrary, for 30 years Mr Lloyd has lived in peace and prosperity, it seems. It is only now, when he might become an MP, that his former "comrades" are trying to point out to the electorate and the Labour Party that the impression which appears to exist in Exeter that John Lloyd was a hero of the South African resistance is incorrect.

Maritz van den Berg is correct in stating that my late husband "confessed", but Mr van den Berg has forgotten that what he confessed to was manslaughter (which would have carried a life prison sentence). John Harris denied intending to kill, the nec-

essary ingredient of a murder conviction (which brought the death penalty). It was John Lloyd who gave that evidence which led to the court finding that John Harris had intended to kill. I do not know the precise cir-

cumstances in which Mr Lloyd came to give that evidence. If he did so under great duress. I do not, of course, condemn him for his "human frailty".

However, having given evidence against his "comrades". Mr Lloyd was released and came to England to start a new life. We were advised by our lawyers at that time that if Mr Lloyd were to retract his evidence, there would be a significant chance that the death sentence would be commuted to life imprisonment. Accordingly, I sent a telegram to Mr Lloyd asking him to intervene, and a friend came from South Africa to England to bring that request in person. John Lloyd refused to help us. It is for that refusal that I think an explanation is now required:

Mr van den Berg is indeed cor-rect that my late husband bore no grudge against John Lloyd. But he also believed that Mr Lloyd would, from the safety of England, retract his evidence. Yours faithfully, ANN WOLFE Nucrensdorf, Switzerland

31 October

Christmas chaos From Mrs J. K. Thorne

Sir. In cancelling Christmas (Diary, 31 October), the postgraduates of Newnham may not be aware of what they could be stirring. In 1647, the Mayor of Canter-

bury, acting on a parliamentary decree, ordered that "Christmas Day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down" and that shops and markets should stay open. The 12 shops that did open were entered forcibly and their goods destroyed by Royalist supporters. Intense fighting followed

for several days in this politically divided city; barriers were erected and the Mayor, Sheriff and other citizens were assaulted.

Repercussions continued into the following year, and triggered off the trial of the "Keep Christmas Special" supporters. The serious rebellion which arose in Kent had to be put down by a large parliamentary army, led by General Fairfax. The gaps in the city wall caused by the ensuing battle can still be seen to this day. Yours, JANE THORNE Canterbury, Kent

Sad prophecy for failed school

From Mr Ray Hanks Sir. As a former pupil of Hack-ney Downs School ("Failed school to be shut down". I November), I remember well my last day there in September 1967. It was, arguably, the beginning of the end. With a few friends, I had called in to say goodbye to the staff before leaving for my "gap" year and on to university - then the destination for the vast majority of boys.

That was also the first day for the new "comprehensive" school in the newly constructed school building. Following the terrible fire in 1963, we had been told that nearly 100 years of tradition would be protected in the new era, but retaining grammar school status was not an option given the tidal progress towards non-selective education (and the finance needed to build the new school).

ous that the school would never be the same again. Gone were the mock Greek amphitheatre and the "fives" courts. Masters had already started to forsake their gowns. There would be no more detention for forgetting to wear the school cap.
We were assured, however,

that "boys from across the whole community, regardless of ability, would now benefit from the school's proven high standards of teaching". Regrettably, this has not been so (leading article; "Orphans of a dead school", 1 November.)

Arriving at school the day after the fire in 1963 was like a naive schoolboy's dream. Yet Alec Williams, the headmaster, was in tears. Perhaps he knew. Yours faithfully. RAY HANKS Baldock, Hertfordshire 1 November

The battle of **Guy Fawkes**

From Mr Ray Deane Sir: Last night, I stood on my

doorstep and listened to the sound of a major gun-battle taking place in the streets around me. It has been the same every night for the past two or three weeks. I can close my eyes and imagine that I am in Sarajevo.

The truth is that I live in the East End of Newcastle and the "gunfire" is the incessant sound of fireworks being let off in the surrounding neighbourhood.

When will sanity prevail and

the sale of these annoying and dangerous items be banned for ever? The ones I hear night after night are being bought not by responsible adults but by young hooligans who go scuttling into the shadows as each new explosion echoes down the street.

If the Guy Fawkes farce must be preserved, let's make it licensed public displays only and prohibit the sale of fireworks to everyone else. Yours sincerely, ROY DEANB Newcastle upon Tyne 30 October

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T could not help feeling a sense of disappointment at the failure of the separatists in Quebec to win the vote. and found myself wondering why. It was not because of any particular sym-

pathy with their cause, still less a desire to see the break-up of an honourable and successful country. It was that it would have been tremendously interesting in both economic and cultural

We would have seen a new Francophone nation within the North Amer-ican community. We would discover whether it was possible to run an efficient small country alongside one medium-sized and one giant one. Quebec would have been a Norway or a Denmark. Could it be as successful as those two nations undoubtedly are? Is the optimal size for a country much, much smaller than we suppose?

In cultural terms, we would learn whether an independent and different culture could flourish alongside the most powerful popular culture that the world has ever known, the United States. Would Quebec be swamped, or would its sheer differentness become an aircraft carrier from which to launch a Francophone attack on the

great North American market? Anyway, the vision is delayed, so the experiment will have to wait. That seems a pity because the demerging of countries may become as important a feature of the way we organise the world as the end of colonialism and the collapse of Communism. Both those forces created a large number of "new" countries, but that was really only a by-product of the process. The instances of people the process. The instances of people in an established democracy choosing renowned for lack of regulation, but

to create a new and separate nation are rare indeed.

This may change. On any long historical view, the nation is a pretty ephemeral emity. True, some nations, such as England, have been around for hundreds of years, but most are recent creations. It is not difficult to see other places where the glue is weak; within Europe, Belgium and Italy could easily split, while Scotland is likely to have some new constitutional relationship with England within the next couple

of decades. It will change if the economic arguments in particular suggest that some-thing has happened which has made small countries more efficient units than larger ones. In the commercial world, the tendency has been for companies at the top and the bottom of the size range to benefit at the expense of those in the middle. Could the same not happen for countries?

There seem to be a number of reasons why small countries, particularly those on the borders of very large ones, have tended to do rather well in recent years. Most of these are positive ones. They are able to obtain the advantages of access to a larger market without carrying the social costs that running a large country seems to entail. So Luxembourg and Switzerland can prosper on the back of a strong German market. Another is that they can use regulation, or rather deregulation, to their advantage. Hong Kong, the Channel Islands, Luxembourg (again), Monaco, the Republic of Ireland and Singapore have all in their different ways benefited from a nimble regula-



Britain is a good example of a country that wastes energy on playing a world role

rather has used regulation positively to build up specific areas of excellence in, for example, financial services.)

There are also benefits of a negative nature, in that small countries are not obliged to carry the costs expected of larger nations. They do not need to devote attention to UN peacekeeping missions, which are expensive both in the time and, more important, the space of mind of the political leaders of more important countries. Britain is a good example of a country that wastes energy playing a world role instead of concentrating on its own self-interest. If we accepted that we were a medium-sized nation, we could fit our role to our resources. We would also stop being blamed for problems that have nothing to do with us.

Of course, there are examples of small countries that have saddled themselves with the overheads of larger ones and impoverished their people as a result: the loss-making easier to be a Luxembourg and benenational airline, the string of expensive embassies in the nicer capitals of the world, the nationalised industries headed by members of the ruling family and their friends. But these are self-inflicted wounds and are incurred irrespective of size. They are not necessary conditions of smallness.

Many would argue that the best government in the world in terms of its economic management is New Zealand: it has pioneered what most central bankers believe to be the best practice in establishing the duties and responsibilities of a central bank within a democratic framework. If the evidence of the recent past

seems slightly in favour of the competitiveness of small nations - there is certainly no disadvantage, maybe some advantage to be small - there are also powerful reasons to suppose that the balance will tilt further. These include the further development of regional trading blocs, which guarantee access to the big market and will negotiate on behalf of the small nation: Nafta and the EU are the two main examples, but expect a trading bloc to develop around a greater China and expect, as a counterweight to that closer ties across the Pacific between North America and the small East Asian "tigers"

Less obvious are the technological changes taking place in the world economy. Falling costs of telecommunications, in particular, make it practicable to deliver on-screen services from fringe locations, thus reducing the comparative advantage of countries at the core of a large economic region. In the past, it has been

fit from physical location at the core of Western Europe. In the future it may be just as advantageous to be a Bermuda, for building up an international insurance business merely needs a favourable tax regime and good telephone and airline connections.

Beyond this, an independent cultural identity seems to be becoming a more important economic asset. In a world where manufacturing technology crosses national boundaries in a matter of weeks, the comparative advantage of making things becomes harder and harder to retain. Other countries with lower wage rates can imitate too fast. But a country's culture is unique

to it. It cannot be reverse engineered. Ireland and Scotland both have powerful cultures which are attractive to the rest of the world. But Ireland has been able to trade off this base more effectively, by giving special incentives to film-makers and authors - something which Scotland, bound into the UK tax system, is unable to do. And it is not just tax: nationhood reinforces cultural identity.

And so it would have been - I expect eventually will be - for Quebec. When that happens, expect its cultural industries, such as tourism and the arts, to flourish in a way they could never do with Quebec as part of another country. The separatists have made a deal noise in recent weeks, but the noise has been directed negatively, against the rest of Canada. Imagine instead that energy, that different voice, being directed positively towards the whole of North America. It would make that continent feel a different and surely more interesting place.

Prescribe me a poem, Dr Keats

want to ask the question about John Keats today that no one else has ever asked; why is he called John Keats and not Dr John Keats or plain Dr Keaus?

He was, after all, a medical gentleman. He had not, I think, finished his training, but I know many doctors who are called doctor who have not yet finished their training, and no one looks askance at them. The fact of the matter is that

it would never occur to us to address John Keats as Dr Keats unless he had come round to see how we were and whether we should go on taking those lit-tle blue pills. The British quite like addressing doctors as doctor when they are being doctors. They do not much like calling them doctor if they are doing something else, like playing golf or writing or appearing on quiz shows. They certainly do not like calling them doctor if they ust write poetry.

Mark you, doctoring and writing do go quite closely together. You can think off-hand of many writers who trained as doctors and then went on to better-paid things. Even I can think of one or two. The one who springs immediately to mind is Somerset Maugham, who studied medicine at St Thomas's Hospital and, I believe, used the experience gained there to write his first novel, Liza of Lambeth, and to get enough money from it to drop the risky life of a doctor and adopt the risky life of a writer. But was he at any point in his writing career addressed as "Dr Maugham"? I doubt it. Did he take the pulse of rich and famous guests at his home in the South of France?

There was a time when you could not scratch a cabaret group or comedy group without finding at least one trained doctor in there. Jonathan Miller in Beyond the Fringe. Gra-ham Chapman in Monty Python. Graeme Garden in the Goodies. All of Instant Sunshine. All of Beetles and Buckman. But not one of them was ever referred to by their medical qualifications. Among today's new comedians the only doctor I can think of off-hand is Harry Hill, but nobody ever called him Dr Hill on air. It was different in the old days. You started out as Dr Hill, the radio doctor, and ended up as Lord Hill, the government stooge in

charge of the BBC ... Having scratched my brains for a long time, I can think of no poet who has ever adopted the title doctor except Dr Seuss, writer of such children's books as The Cat in the Hat (and I have no idea if he is a real doctor or even a real Seuss) and, of course, Dr Johnson, who was not a doctor in the medical sense either, only in the sense of having acquired a doctorate.

It is only when you get into music that you start finding quantities of doctors and then they are generally just does, not doctors. There are two jazz trumpeters called Doc Cheatham and Doc Severinsen, and I haven't managed to find a connection between them and medicine, nor do I think they have any doctorates between them. There was the songwriter Doc Pomus, and the singer/pianist Dr John, and the famous gunfighter Doc Holliday ...

I read a life of Doc Holliday once. It was a bit like reading a life of Henry Purcell. A lot was known about his times but nothing much about the man himself. All that really came out about Doc Holliday was that he had received some medical training, probably as a dentist. that he drank a lot and that he was not much of a shot. But it was enough to get him the nickname of "Doc", and I suppose that wherever he moved in the Wild West, people edged up



to him at parties and said: "Doc Holliday? You a doctor? I wonder if you'd take a quick look at my shoulder, I think I may have a bullet in it." And Doe Holliday would say, "I'm sorry, I'm off-duty at the moment," and the man would say, "If you don't look at my shoulder. I'll shoot you.

That is the trouble with being called doctor. If it gets out that you are called doctor for medical reasons, people think you are interested in curing them. That is why the average sensible doctor tries to keep his qualifications out of sight. And that is why. I now realise, almost everyone who is called doctor, or who allows himself to be called doctor, is not medically qualified to be a doctor at all, and the real doctors leave their rank in the cloakroom.

In politics, for example, David Owen was a proper doctor but he kept quiet about that. Dr Ian Paisley and Dr Brian Mawhinney, on the other hand, like being called doctor but I would not call either of them to my bedside if I were dving. Nor if I were trying to form a political party, but that is another matter ...

So there you have it. That is why John Keats was never called Dr Keats. He did not want Byron or Shelley coming up to him at parties and asking him to look at their shoulders. Next question, please.

MPs have it within their grasp to restore public confidence. But some Tories just fail to comprehend

A House of better repute



The source of Parliament's authority is not the in monarchy nor its long history, nor the settlement of 1688, but its acceptance by the people. A despised Commons becomes a disregarded, demoralised Commons, encroached upon by rival power centres. You cannot have a strong parliamentary democracy in which parliamentary politics is reckoned filthy stuff.

This is why the unsavoury revelations of recent years and the sleaze mania were such a bad business, good for newspaper sales but awful for Westminster. It's why the attempt by the Nolan committee and now MPs to clean up the palace is not trivial, or irritating, but central.

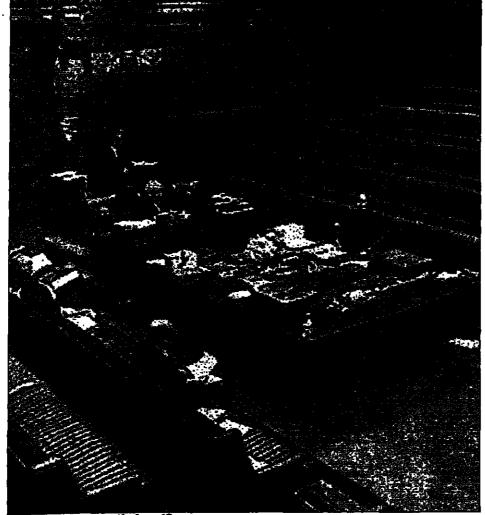
Now the Select Committee on standards in public life, by proposing a blanket ban on paid advocacy, has done a lot to clear up the miasma of suspicion. Despite the row over whether or not MPs' earnings from some sources should be published, this is a tough report. Its proposed ban on paid advocacy is strongly worded. Life inside the village will change as a result.

The key question is whether that inside change will be enough to wipe out the outside impression of MPs on the make. And that depends on whether it works, whether it is actually possible to ban paid advocacy in the Commons.

The place is a closed and gossipy club, a seething influence market beyond public view. Advocacy is what MPs are for. It is what they are good at. As the committee recommends, certain formal kinds of advocacy can be stopped - the mechanical actions of putting down questions, tabling motions, preparing private members' bills and so on. You can control, up to a point, what they say in a committee or on the floor of the House, where the journalists are watching.

But to hope to ban MPs speaking for certain interests in this warren of private rooms and corridors seems like trying to outlaw eye-contact on a university campus. No regulation, policed by a commissioner, can lay down what is said over pudding at Rules restaurant, or determine how a conversation between friends goes in a minister's room. It is on this issue of how MPs behave outside the House that the report is weakest. And anyway, the line between innocent inquiry and advocacy is too subtle for a rule book.

This is not to challenge the usefulness of the proposed ban. It will have a cultural effect. The prohibition of acts of vice in public helps change the attitude to such acts in private. MPs will now he self-conscious about making suggestions or fixing meetings which they had convinced themselves were fine. Ministers, discussing the week ahead with their private offices, may find themselves



Can they clean up their act?

uneasily asking whether the Member for Cosgrave isn't paid by London Roads plc. We should never underestimate the power of embarrassment. MPs

look one another in the eye, like the rest of us.

This may be enough. But we are talking about money and influence here. They tend to trump bashfulness. It is all too possible that paid advocacy will shrink deeper into the shadows. The particular mood that gave rise to this tough-sounding report will pass, and be forgotten. And then one day, sure as bad eggs are bad eggs, another scandal will crack open and reek. Acknowledging that the committee has gone a long way in trying to remedy matters, it is right to be sceptical about the advocacy ban; and that leaves us with the most controversial proposal from Nolan, that MPs' earnings from sources directly related to their parliamentary work should be published.

Quite right. The old High Horse is snorting and pawing the ground. But before saddling her up, there are some strong arguments against disclosure to be addressed.

First there is the inequity of exposing the finances of some MPs and not others. The Hon Bloggins, with no private income and five children, may be pilloried in his local constituency for taking £5,000 from the Mobile Telephone Association, while Sir Bilbo Baggins, a multi-millionaire landowner in the next seat, reveals none of his private income because it isn't related to s membership of the Commons.

Second, there is the difficult question of what is relevant to parliamentary work and what isn't. Barristers have an interest in certain law reforms which might be more direct than the interest of MPs with paid consultancies. As the Nolan pro-posals stand, QCs wouldn't have to declare their

Third, there is the mixed issue of invasion of privacy and that much underrated national pastime, the politics of envy. As disclosure of income spreads, we could face a political argument which was more about individuals' tax returns than national policies. What would that do for the every sexual experiment they've ever indulged in would also have to ask themselves whether they wanted their neighbours to know the details of their bank accounts. These three objections to disclosure of MPs'

tone of debate? People who already fear that

going into public life will mean the exposure of

earnings aren't merely the discharge of guilty minds. But nor are they insuperable. However unjust some of the effects may be, there is a moral case for saying that payments to MPs made because they are MPs are in a different category from other forms of wealth or income. The problem of intrusion should be dealt with

by a general privacy law that clearly separates private sexual conduct from financial matters. Above all, the issue of MPs' and ministers' pay should be faced honestly. MPs are well-paid by the standards of non-London, non-AB Britain. But so long as one can come across a knot of people, including a cabinet minister, a few journalists, an obscure lawyer, a middle-ranking company professional and a successful academic, and find the cabinet minister is by far the lowest-paid, then the case for higher political salaries is a strong one.

The surrounding thicket of reforms on privacy and salaries that would make disclosure of MPs' earnings wholly fair will not happen this side of an election. The grubbier demands of the party battle intervene; Labour, hardly surprisingly, will play this game hard. But it is now time for Conservative doubters, in the higher interest, to be a little unfair on themselves.

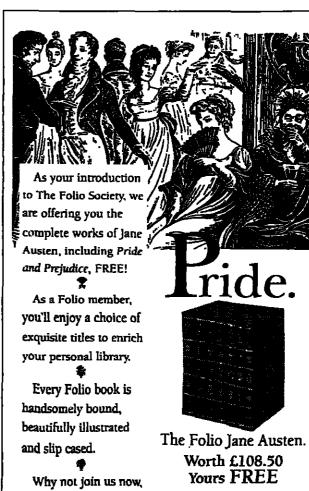
Conservatives can hardly come out of this well. It is already plain, however, that some are determined to come out of it as badly as possible. Whatever the denials, Government whips are helping to harden Tory ranks against Monday's vote on disclosure of payments.

If they succeed, the Conservatives will be pilloried by the Opposition from now until the election as greedy, brown-snouted cowards. Voters, used to a diet of sleaze in the Press, will believe the worst.

That so many Tories simply don't seem to understand what a gift they are handing Labour just defies belief. Maybe it shows how out of touch they are. Maybe they need the money so desperately that the politics don't matter to them. But the main losers will be their own party and the Parliament they are so proud to represent. Far shrewder are those Tories who are prepar-

ing to jump ship and vote with the Opposition. Often from marginal seats, they know what their voters want. It's true that if disclosure is voted through, Labour will be publishing details of Tory MPs' earnings. But if MPs are taking money that they would rather their electorates didn't know about, then that's their problem.

Conservatives have the weekend to make up their minds about what matters most - a few thousand quid in private consultancy fees or the chance to restore their collective reputation. For people of imagination who understand how low the Commons has fallen in public affection, there is really no choice. Yesterday was a good day for Westminster; they have it in their power to make Monday a splendid one.



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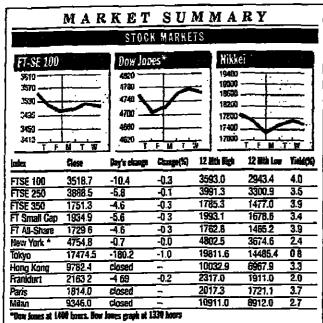
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IN BRIEF **BCCI** appeal adjourned

An Abu Dhabi court yesterday adjourned until December 24 the appeal by two jailed officials of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, a court source said. It postponed the hearing after reiterating a request that a BCCI official who was sentenced in his absence, former chief executive Mohammad Swaleh Naqvi, be formally notified to attend the appeal. Once described as the "brains behind the bank", Naqvi is serving a BCCI-related sentence in the United States.

Dollar recovers

The dollar rose to its highest level for six weeks yesterday, closing at ¥103.90 in London. The Japanese currency was weaker across the board, with traders reporting that institutional investors were switching out of domestic bonds into higher yielding for-eign markets. The dollar's most recent peak against the yen was \f104.70 on 20 September.

Broker faces more defections

Seven directors and the institutional sales and corporate finance divisions at the Glasgow of Allied Provincial Stockbrokers this summer are leaving once their contracts expire. APS was recently acquired by Greig Middleton for £16m, in a deal which created the largest private client brokers in the UK.

Spottiswoode joins Booker board

Clare Spottiswoode and Alan Smith have been appointed nonexecutive directors of Booker, the food to cash and carry group. Ms Spottiswoode heads the gas watchdog Ofgas having previously established her own computer software business. Mr Smith is a former chief executive of Kingfisher.

New Lloyd's investigation

Lloyd's of London is launching an investigation into matters raised by Mr Justice Creswell's findings earlier this week in the Mer-rett case. Mr Justice Creswell ruled in favour of the Merrett Names Association in its High Court claim for damages from underwriter Stephen Merrett, Merrett Syndicates and auditors Ernst & Young. Lloyd's said the findings of Mr Justice Creswell raised a prima facie case that there may have been misconduct which could lead to disciplinary action.

Comment page 25.

Whitbread profits climb to £155m

Figures at the top end of expectations helped Whitbread's shares close 9p higher yesterday at 629p. Analysts said the most encouraging aspect of half-way figures to August was the company's ability to grow sales in a difficult consumer market. After an 8.5 per cent rise in sales from £1.22bn to £1.33bn, profits before tax increased by 9 per cent to £155.7m (£143.1m). Earnings per share of 23.7p (21.6p) allowed a 7.5 per cent increase in the interim dividend from 5.35p to 5.75p.

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Stock Exchange mulls market-making

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The Stock Exchange is consulting members whether it should begin competing with other dealing firms by offering a similar facility to that done by Inter-dealer brokers, who marry up buyers and sellers for the big professional market-making firms.

Battle of the supermarkets: Gap between the main grocery rivals shows signs of widening

Sainsbury slips in store wars

NIGEL COPE

Sainsbury's lost further ground in the supermarket wars yesterday when it announced lower than expected profits and poorer sales growth than rivals such as Tesco and Safeway. The company blamed higher

advertising costs, the expense of a store refurbishment programme and a £7.5m loss in the last six-month period at the Texas Homecare chain acquired in January.

City analysts were disappointed with the 1.5 per cent increase in taxable profits to £451m for the period to September. The group's like for like sales growth of just 2.3 per cent is well below arch rivals Tesco, Safeway and Asda.

According to figures com-piled by the Central Statistical Office, Sainsbury's share of the UK grocery market is now down from 11.7 per cent a year Low Supermarkets. Sainsbury shares yesterday

fell 21p to 403p and analysts fresh talent from outside. downgraded their profits forecasts for the full year from £855m to £810m. One analyst said: "They've got a lot to do and its going to get worse before it gets better. They are probably going to have to do something pretty innovative to distinguish themselves from ri-

vals in a fierce marketplace." David Sainsbury, chairman, said the company would increase its advertising and mar-keting budget by £10m, with the focus on customer service. He admitted the company had made marketing errors. Last week the company appointed a new marketing director, Kevin Kingfisher, replacing Ivor Hunt, who is to retire.

Mr Sainsbury declined to comment on further manageago to 11.6 per cent, compared ment changes though he conto Tesco's rise from 10.8 to 12.8 firmed that the deputy

the 1994 purchase of William tire in January 1997 when he reaches 60. The company is un-

In spite of the success of Tesco's Club Card, which now has more than 7 million members, Sainsbury's confirmed that it will not extend its loyalty card nationally, though it is now in 200 of its 350 stores. "We have asked our customers and they do not want loyalty cards," Mr Vyner said, "They are interested in better quality, lower prices

and higher standards of service."
The company opened two new supermarkets in the period and will open a further eight in the second half. Six sites in Northern Ireland have been agreed, with planning permission for the first three.

street stores will be converted into the Sainsbury Central format, though the company says it will not develop a chain of mini supermarkets along the lines of Tesco Metro. It claims the format is uneconomic.

Sainsbury plans to grow sales by extending existing stores. Mr Sainsbury said sales space should increase by 5 per cent a year over the next five years. It has continued expanding into new areas. Compact disc and tapes have been added to 90 stores bringing the total to 169.

The Texas Homecare DIY chain has proved barder to innow only expected to break even by the year end. The company had previously said the chain would make a modest profit.



Stock check: David Sainsbury admits marketing errors and says the group will increase spending on advertising and marketing

Kinnock defeat over air deals

PETER RODGERS

Neil Kinnock, the European transport commissioner, yes-

Mr Kinnock said member states would be allowed to maintain their existing air traffic agreements with the US.

According to a report from talk about "open skies" negotiations in Madrid next month.

Open skies agreements allow European airlines to choose their own destinations in the US. At present they are highly restricted in where they can go.

This is a reversal of Mr Kinnock's first high-profile moves after taking office, when he issued a strong warning that biwere illegal. He later threatened member states that were ignoring him, and in April he extended this threat to the UK, which was also negotiating a bi-

lateral deal with the US. He encountered fierce opposition from the Department of Transport, which reiterated yesterday that it believed member states terday backed down publicly were free to negotiate bilaterfrom his campaign to take control of negotiations over air US, and this was entirely in actransport between member cord with Community agree-

> As late as June, the commission said it wanted to have sole negotiating rights on air traffic agreements with third parties. Mr Kinnock had previously

Helsinki, he added that existing argued that the US was picking agreements would be the start- off European states one by ing point for discussions when one, initially by offering con-EU transport ministers meet to cessions to the smaller countries that had no large international airlines. Officials claimed that by reaching bilateral deals, the US was strengthening its bargaining power ahead of a planned liberalisation of the European airline market. US airlines want to compete on

internal services round Europe. The Brussels argument for centralising negotiations was lateral agreements with the US that it would increase the negotiating power of Europe as a to sue half a dozen smaller whole. However, Mr Kinnock found himself on the sidelines because six EU countries had already reached agreements with

warns on Magnox costs BNFL year. But John Guinness, the chairman, said that the company said that BNFL's increasingly

MARY FAGAN

British Nuclear Fuels warned yesterday that its growing international business could be seriously threatened by government plans to load it with the ageing Magnox nuclear power stations, unless there are guarantees of funds to cover billions of pounds of liabilities associated with the plant.

is a vital part of the Government's £3bn plans to privatise Nuclear Electric and Scottish

would refuse to take them on important overseas customers anything but a commercial hasis and that, if necessary, the Government could "remove the board" of directors. Mr Guinness said: "As di-

rectors of a plc we have a duty to take decisions only on a commercial basis and the Gov- to almost £425m. They now acernment cannot force us if we count for one third of turnover reject the proposal." He said and are expected to reach 75 per that as yet there were no details cent by the end of the decade. stations to state-owned BNFL as to how the liabilities would be covered and that the issue needed to be resolved.

Speaking before the House of Nuclear by the middle of next Commons Trade and Industry duce £900m in savings. He told time to privatise BNFL

would be "very unhappy" if management and reprocessing. Last year BNFL exports trebled

said that BNFL's increasingly

Mr Guinness also said that he was not consulted over government claims that merging Magnox with BNFL would pro-

the transfer of Magnox was - The Magnox plants have es-unsatisfactory as much of timated liabilities of about £9bn BNFL's funds came from ad-related to decommissioning and vance payments for nuclear the management of radioactive waste. This problem forced the Government to pull the nuclear

with caution.

power plant out of electricity privatisation five years ago. Mr Guinness said that the addition

give an "added dimension" to the company but that it would "certainly be a problem" should the Government plan at any

have any idea how they arrived

at that figure. I would regard it

Littlewoods plans bid meeting

A crucial gathering of the Moores clan, which controls the Littlewoods retail and football pools group, has been scheduled for later this month, two weeks ahead of the emergency general meeting that will decide the future of the business.

The meeting, expected to take place in London, involves the get-together of Forum, the 32 family members who own the shares in the group. However, this meeting as-

trade with non-EU countries,

which partly reversed itself in

September. The shortfall with

the EU in August was almost

Other figures yesterday re-

vealed an unexpected £608m

rise in consumer credit in Sep-

tember, compared with a

£518m increase the previous

unchanged at £275m.

sumes added significance as it is the last official family powwow before the EGM on 7 Deader and 5 decision of the Forum meeting to cember where shareholders will decide whether to progress the £1.2bn indicative offer for the group from Barry Dale, former chief executive.

Most family members are expected to attend the monthly meeting and some non-shareholding directors will also be present. It is understood that mem-

bers of the Dale consortium. which is being advised by

canvass support. At the meeting, the family and the directors will be pre-

sented with the findings of two specially commissioned reports. One, undertaken by former Charterhouse chief Michael Gatenety, examines the options for future ownership of the business.

These include doing nothing, a trade sale, a stock market listgroup to raise funds and im-prove liquidity. The other report, by accountants Coopers & Lybrand, examines the structure of the company, the role of the Moores family within the business and the role of non-executive directors.

It is believed the reports were commissioned by the board in June, before speculation of the Dale bid started. At the EGM next month, the

Dale consortium will need to gain more than 50 per cent of ing, or the sale of parts of the the votes to take its bid further.

Inflation wanes: Consumer credit rise fails to offset weak manufacturing and house prices show a further dip

Rate standstill as economy slows

Economics Correspondent

quer and Governor of the Bank of England left base rates un-changed after their last monthly monetary meeting before the Budget. As they met yesterday, a batch of new figures confirmed that the economy was slowing and inflation pressures diminishing.

The Chancellor of the Exche-

Manufacturing barely expanded last month, according to a survey of purchasing managers. The rise in prices manufacturers paid for materials was the lowest for nearly two years.

Outside manufacturing there was some evidence of greater buoyancy. There was a big increase in consumer credit in September, while faster import growth widened the August trade deficit.

Marian Bell, an economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "We have what the Americans would call a Goldilocks scenario. The pace of growth is neither too hot nor too cold." Other City economists were more pessimistic. Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe said: "The purchasing managers' survey defi-

nitely points to the continuing weakness of the economy." The figures strengthened the case for easing either interest rates or fiscal policy, he added. Surveys showed manufactur-

ing weakening on both sides of the Atlantic. In Britain's purchasing managers' survey, the overall index of activity was 50.5 last month. This was a shade above September's 50.4 but not far above 50, the watershed between recession and recovery.

The price index fell to 52.5 from 57.5 in September and a peak of 73.8 in June. Last month's figure indicated the smallest price rise for nearly two The firms responding to the

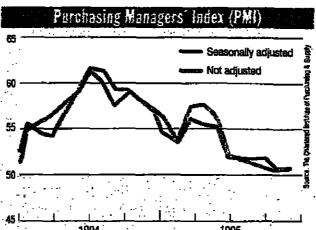
survey also reported the first drop in employment since September 1993. Stocks of finished goods fell for the third month running, mainly because of higher-than-expected sales in the consumer goods sector. Helen Macfarlane, an economist at brokers Hoare Govett, said: "It is encouraging manufacturers are growing their way out of the stock overhang rather

than cutting output.' They have achieved this despite the tailing-off in exports

this year. Separate figures yes-terday showed Britain's trade deficit increased to £1.3bn in total personal borrowing slowed August. The deterioration was to 5.5 per cent, held back by due to the worsening trend in mortgage weakness.

The gilts market reacted favourably to the figures, aided by a rally in the US Treasury The survey of US manufac-

turing by the National Association of Purchasing Managers was weaker than expected. The activity index fell to 46.8 from 48.3 in September and has been month. Credit grew 12.9 per below 50 for three months.



Figures reinforce housing fragility

NIC CICUTTI

The fragile state of the housing market was underpinned yesterday by figures from Nation-wide Building Society showing that house prices dipped by 0.3 per cent last month But some experts claimed

that Nationwide's monthly report was only part of a larger set of statistics showing that the market was on the mend. Their claims are set to be bolstered today by a second price

Society, showing that house prices rose slightly in October, the third month in a row. showed that house prices were now 3.9 per cent lower than they were at last year's peak, with av-

survey from Halifax Building

Philip Williamson, a divisional director at Nationwide, said: "Activity remains weak, with transactions likely to be around 10 per cent lower than in 1994. Nevertheless, there

least stabilised.

suggest that the downward underlying trend in transactions has almost come to an end. Mortgage approvals have also strengthened somewhat since the summer.

Separate data from the Bank of England showed that net lending, secured by property, rose slightly to £1.25bn in September, up from £1.17bn the previous month. The number of loans approved in September dropped to 71,000, from 76,000 in August.

Ian Shepherdson, an economist at HSBC Greenwell, said; What we are seeing is that the Nationwide's own survey low point earlier this year has now passed. Approvals in the third quarter, although not up as much as first expected, are erage prices now down to still 3 per cent higher than in the second quarter.

"I would not be at all surprised if there were a continuing growth in house prices in the fourth quarter of this year. The conditions that forced prices down are dropping away and are signs that the market has at the market could move quite rapidly."

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The wheels on Sainsbury's trolley look jammed For a business that styles itself as "everyone's favourite ingredient" Sainsbury's price. Recent initiatives such as mini-trolis not looking and l is not looking particularly unappetising these days. The supermarket battle continues to drift Tesco's way and try as David Sainsbury might, he appears unable to wrest the ini-

tiative back. While Tesco is on a roll the wheels on Sainsbury's trolley seem to have jammed. Yesterday's figures spoke volumes. Profits over the half year were more or less static and are forecast to rise by a palury one per cent over the full year. This is miserable stuff compared to the 10-20 per cent profits growth the company has enjoyed over the last 10 years. The great profits engine seems to have stalled. Sainsbury's problems centre not so much on mistakes,

rivals to capture the imagination of shoppers with a series of initiatives. Tesco has been prepared to accept lower margins to grow sales. It is experimenting with derivative formats such as the Tesco Metro and has launched the first loyalty card, which has already signed up seven mil-lion customers. Asda has attacked price maintenance agreements on books, magazines and medicines and is even backing the two minute silence on Armistice Day. Archie Norman has been wheeled out as

but inaction. It has stood by and allowed

the consumer's champion. Sainsbury's marketing efforts look pretty tame by comparison. It has tried to re-assert its higher quality, better service proposition

leys for children and wider car parking spaces have failed to capture the imagination. Its marketing has lacked Tesco's flair and the company's appointment of a new, younger, marketing director last week,

appears to recognise as much. More changes to its somewhat lumbering structure may be needed. Tesco has been driven over the last two years essentially by just two directors, backed up by chairman Sir Ian McLaurin. The system is fast and efficient. By comparison, Sainsbury's has 12 executive directors, four nonexecutives, plus 44 departmental directors who participate in a web of committees that implement board policy. A pruning seems overdue. There is no whill of crisis yet at Sainsbury's Stamford Street headquarters. The company is bigger than Tesco, more profitable and remains one of the country's most highly regarded retailers. But it needs to recover its pace and edge – fast.

The Chancellor can expect little mercy

Capital expenditure is almost always the first victim of an organisation looking for cuts and the Government is no exception. Even under plans already-published, a 10 per cent real fall in public investment

are now going to be made even deeper, with what is left of an already emasculated road building programme the chief casualty. However much the Chancellor might protest that a reinforced private finance initiative can substitute for such expenditure, everyone knows that as far as road building is con-

cerned, this is just so much tosh. There are four road building schemes presently out to tender under the Government's design, build, finance and operate programme, but little sign of any progress being made in actually letting these schemes. If this is the future for road building in Britain, then the already beleaguered contracting and engineering sector might as well close down for good.

But this is only half the problem with private sector roads. The second is that they are not really private sector at all: funded via"shadow tolls" they are eventually paid for by the exchequer. There is a degree of risk for the private sector in that if road usage fails to live up to expectations, then it is the road builder that bears the cost. In essence, however, the Government ends up paying. The only difference is that it pays over a period of time rather than up front

Furthermore, this is ultimately a more is envisaged for the two years to April 1997. | ably more than to the public sector. If this | award.

mirrors - he can expect little mercy from the markets, or from the businesses fighting hard to protect what is left of Britain's public infrastructure spending.

The rising price of peace at Lloyd's

Nothing at Lloyd's was ever meant to be simple. While the victorious Names in the landmark Merrett High Court case are cheering the prospect of winning damages owering a good portion of their losses, there are probably as many Names fretting about how they will have to find more money to foot the bill. For if ever there were living proof of the old adage, that for every win-

ner there is a loser, then Lloyd's is it. The deep-pocketed auditors - cast for the first time as a result of the Merrett judge-ment into the same malodorous company as other Lloyd's negligents and reprobates - will probably have to pay the lion's share of the damages, which could amount to over £200m.

But Ernst and Young, the auditors in this case, have professional insurance against such losses, much of which, surprise, surprise, is written at Lloyd's. Even the victoexpensive form of road building since the rious Merrett Names may as a result end cost of capital to the private sector is invari- up paying a part of their own damages

tion inherent in the Merrett judgement than this left hand taking what the right hand gives. Those hailing the victory over the auditors as a big boost for the prospects of a global settlement for Lloyd's woes are in danger of forgetting the never-so-simple rule. Certainly, the Merrett judgement will dramatically increase the pressure on the auditors, not just Ernst & Young, to support Lloyd's attempts to negotiate a full cessation of litigation hostilities. They would do so by adding their riches to the £2.8bn credit and debt forgiveness already on offer from Lloyd's to induce Names to sue for peace. The auditors are the only factor not yet properly included in the Lloyd's rescue equation. With their resources, they could make a big difference to the amount on offer to Names. The difficulty is that the Merrett judge-ment is just as likely to have raised the costs

But there is a more significant complica-

of any peace deal. The landing of the auditors in the net, and the devastating criticism of Stephen Merrett himself, until recently an eminent member of the Lloyd's establishment, can only have raised Names' expectations of what can be achieved by litigation. John Mays – the triumphant chairman of the Merrett action group - conceded as much by saying many Names could conclude that more is to be won by fighting on. After Merrett, there is likely to be more money on offer for Names. But the price of peace has probably gone up too.

Orange lays out £1.2bn network phone plan

Industrial Correspondent

Hutchison Telecommunications UK, which runs the Orange mobile telephone network, has launched a £1.2bn debt-financing programme to fund the completion of its network. The company, which City analysts expect to seek a stock market listing next year, also plans to repay loans from its parents. British Aerospace and Hutchi-

son Whampoa of Hong Kong. written by Chase Investment Bank and JP Morgan Securities. It will be launched into general syndication in mid-November. The announcement coincided with a statement by Cambridgebased Ionica that it would launch a national telephone service in phases from March,

in competition with BT. Graham Howe, finance director of Hutchison Telecom UK, said: "With the rapid and successful growth of Orange ... HKUT is now in a position to raise long-term debt on attractive terms to finance the completion of the network." He said talk of flotation is "speculation", but added: "We will complete the debt-financing and then

consider our position." The investment in the company has been about £900m so far, provided by BAe and Hutchison Whampoa according to their respective equity stakes. Mr Howe said that BAc, which has 32 per cent, is "in for the long haul", in spite of specula-tion that it would like to sell its share. The mobile company is expected by analysts to break even in 1997 at the operational level, by which time the Orange

network will cover more than 95 Orange, which was launched 18 months ago in competition with Vodafone, Cellnet and

more than 30,000 each month. Mr Howe said that Orange has an annual "churn" - the rate at which people leave the network - of about 17 per cent. The industry average is thought to be about 20 to 25 per cent. The mobile telephone mar-

ket continues to boom with the total number of UK subscribers expected to reach 12 million or more by the end of the decade, compared with five million today. The networks being built by Orange and new digital technology, which offers better quality than the analogue technology originally used by Cellnet and Vodafone, which still dominate the market. Vodafone and Celinet now also offer digital services but Orange claims to have taken as much as 30 per cent of the total new dig-

ital business in September. Mercury One2One, launched two years ago by Cable & Wire-less and US West, recently abandoned free off-peak local calls for all new customers - an initiative which had taken the industry by storm. Under new tariffs introduced in September, free local calls are still available

but only at weekends. One2One has refused to say how many of its 20 million calls each week were paid-for calls, until the initiative ended in September. The company has more than 300,000 customers, of which 4 per cent had been using the service almost exclusively for free calls.

In its announcement vesterday, Ionica promised to challenge BT on service and price. when it launched its national telephone service. The company, which plans a stock market flotation by the end of next year, uses its own exchanges and provides radio links into the home. It can then offer national and international services using the fixed links of companies,



Elizabeth Forsyth: key role in managing Nadir assets Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

Clarke rethinks

PETER RODGERS

and Tory MPs. Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-

The first retreat, within days of the original decision, was to drop the idea of making the tax

bite retrospectively.
It emerged yesterday that
the IoD, whose president is the former Tory cabinet minister. Lord Young, saw Mr Clarke last week to press for a restoration of CGT relief for share options

employee's salary, whichever is

the less.
The CBI has also written to Mr Clarke with a less ambitious proposal to amend the terms of the new treatment of share option profits, now subject to income tax at the time of exercise. The CBI wants the prof-

also part of the IoD submission and both sets of changes are believed to be under serious

consideration by the Treasury.

Forsyth charges: Lawyers for former Asil Nadir aide seeking disclosure of documents to help defence Legal spotlight returns to Polly Peck case

DAVID HELLIER

The Polly Peck saga returns to the British courts today when prosecution and defence lawyers are set to argue over whether more documents should be disclosed to lawyers representing Elizabeth Forsyth, a former aide of Asil Nadir.

Mrs Forsyth has been charged on two counts of handling stolen cash, worth nearly £400,000, in 1989. She used to head up South Audley Management, the company that managed Mr Nadir's personal assets. She went to live in northern Cyprus after the collapse of Polly Peck but re-

questioning in September 1994. The defence is seeking two sets of documents, in particular. The first relates to the SFO raid on South Audley Man-

get hold of minutes of a meeting said to have been held be-fore the raid, at which representatives from the SFO, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Metropolitan Police were present.

The second set of documents requested by the defence relate to internal disciplinary proceedings taken by the SFO against Lorna Harris, the former Polly Peck case-controller, who is now on secondment. Ms Harris was suspended after the Attorney-General admitted in 1993 that the SFO had mistakenly opened documents turned to face police sealed by Mr Nadir's defence, and then handed them to the

prosecution. The prosecution has queried the relevance of some of the and Mrs Forsyth was first ques documents sought by the de- tioned by the SFO in January agement, which precipitated fence and disclosure of some 1991.

the collapse of the Polly Peck material could also be objectempire. The defence wants to ed to on the grounds that it is against the public interest.

In correspondence with the defence, Robert Wardle, the current case-controller, has argued that "it is not clear how the results of any internal disciplinary proceedings could affect an issue, or possible issue in the trial, of the indictment against Mrs Forsyth. I have consulted counsel who shares this view. If you are able to indicate what relevance it has, or may have ... then I will

consider the matter further." The SFO said vesterday that it would be inappropriate to comment on the issues ahead of today's preparatory hearing being held at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

Polly Peck collapsed in 1990

share-option tax

Business Editor

A second government climbdown on the taxation of share options is on the cards following heavy lobbying by the Institute of Directors, the CBI

cellor, is considering proposals for the Budget which, if accepted, would mark a renewed retreat from the outright ban he announced in the summer on capital gains tax relief for executive share options.

its taxed only when shares are sold, to encourage employees to hold on to their shares. Mr Clarke insisted in the summer that the entire profit should be taxed on exercise of the options, whether or not some of the shares are kept. The CBI proposal to delay the tax is

Lord Young was not part of the IoD delegation which met the Chancellor, which was led by Tim Melville-Ross, the IoD director general, who was a up to a fixed ceiling. This would member of the Greenbur be to the value of £40,000 or the Committee on executive pay. member of the Greenbury



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MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

UKTV, the rejected high bidder in the controversial auction for Channel 5, has thrown in the lowel. It announced yesterday it would not seek judicial review of the decision, having taken le-

gal counsel on the issue. But Virgin TV, a rival bidder also rejected on the grounds ther its proposed programming failed the quality threshold established by the Independent Revision Commission was still reviewing its options last might Robert Devereux, its defenecutive, was scheduled to meet legal counsel again on Monday, with other consor-

tion cariners. Henderstood that the consortant which hid £22m for the 10 year terrestrial licence, has the identified several points in the ITC decision that it believes to

he inaccurate or inconsistent. A formal rebuttal will be published early next week. In what it will call its biggest complaint. Virgin TV is understood of that dersiood to be concerned that



other bidding groups received an opportunity to clarify contentious points, and will ask why the ITC did not ask for clarification on key issues prior to fail-

More specifically, Virgin TV is concerned about criticisms of ing the bid. its news coverage, which the ITC deemed to be indequately

gin TV will respond that it offered a staff of 25 dedicated staff, five for each shift, and that Reuters would provide supervision, working closely with the relevant Virgin TV news editor. On supply of programming, Virgin, backed by ITV company HTV, Associated Newspapers, Paramount and other rules as it goes along. partners, argues that ITC criticism of the number of inde-

pendent suppliers it had lined up was "inaccurate". Virgin TV will claim that it secured 41 suppliers, compared with 39 at winning consortium Channel 5 Broadcasting, led by Pearson and MAI.

The consortium is also concerned about ITC's criticisms of its plans to repeat programmes in the week, claiming that Virgin TV would produce just as many ours of original drama as the winning consortium, but had chosen to repeat the material rather than to fill the screen with old series from the BBC and other suppliers.

On diversity of program-

resourced and supervised. Vir- one reason for failing the bid. the consortium is expected to be particuarly blunt. In response to criticisms that it had scheduled no factual programming in peak viewing hours, it will claim that the invitation to apply for the licence contained no such requirement, and will ask whether the ITC is changing the A final decision on whether

> be taken on Monday. UKTV, meanwhile, also criticised the ITC's decision, and was particularly blunt in responding to the commission's concerns about the "ability of UKTV to secure sufficient programming of high quality". The consortium said: "The

ITC's view of [the work of its

suppliers] is not only dismissive

but ignores some of the most

to proceed with legal action will

creative and successful producers in British broadcasting." But in a concilatory tone, ·UKTV's key backer, the Canadian broadcaster CanWest. confirmed it had intentions of expanding into the UK broadming signalled by the ITC as casting market.

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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by TOM STEVENSON

When acquisitions make better BET

ward for their patience since John Clark, chief executive, started his shake-up of the sprawling towel hire to distribution conglomerate in April 1991. After initial enthusiasm, the intervening period has seen the shares underperform the rest of the stock market by 46 per cent, despite a crash diet to rectify the excesses of a 1980s spending binge. Now BET has returned to the acquisition trail, investors must hope sentiment will improve.

Yesterday's interims represented a good start. "Clean" pre-tax profits ahead of a small net loss on disposals climbed 26 per cent to £65.9m, well ahead of expectations, hence a 3.5p rise in the share price to 129.5p yesterday. Inflated by the £86m spent on acquisitions so far this year, gearing has jumped to 38 per cent from 6 per cent in September. But worries about this new rise in debt look wide of the mark. Three-quarters of the planned acquisition programme for this year is complete and further disposals should see gearing back down to around 25 per cent by year-end.

The good news in the figures came in group margins raised a full point to 7.6 per cent. Cost-cutting has helped, but there were also encouraging signs that BET is managing to push through modest price rises in certain areas.

One of them, US plant hire, has been buoyant for some time. It chipped in £10.6m of the £27m operating contribution from plant services, up 29 per cent on the comparable period. BET believes there are two more years of growth to come in the US, while diversification away from UK construction should help protect it here.

Management's confidence about US distribution, another area where BET saw price increases, may be less well placed, given the cyclicality of the chemical industry. Deregulation and lower demand from chemical companies in the US pulled the divisional result down from £15.7m to £12m, the only one of BET's four business groups to report lower profits.

Mr Clark's aim of eventually dragging margins into double figures would be buttressed by a few more acquisitions like Style, the conference and training business for which BET paid £70m earlier this year. It chipped in £3.3m to operating profits, a 34 per cent return on sales. But the group remains lumbered with some pretty low-margin operations like office cleaning and still needs to build dominance in certain areas.

Profits of £135m in the full year

951m (864m)

Brit Assets Tel Gp (F)

BET's shareholders have seen scant re-ward for their patience since John would put the shares on a sub-market sive mid-teens growth from managed prospective multiple of 12. Backed by pubs, restaurants and hotels, more than prospective multiple of 12. Backed by a forward yield of perhaps 4.8 per cent, they look reasonable value, if dull, Mr Clark still has a way to go to establish a rating akin to rival Rentokil, which has outperformed the market by over 90 per cent during his tenure at BET.

Cheers not tears for Whitbread

Many a company has tried to diversify away from a dull core business, but for most the move into unfamiliar areas ends in tears. Not so Whitbread. the former brewer, for whom traditional beer sales contributed less than a fifth of group operating profits in the six months to August.

Whitbread has successfully made the transition from brewing beer to becoming a fully fledged leisure company. Managed pubs, which include the Brewers Fayre brand, are still the biggest profit earner, but the addition of the recently acquired Marriott ho-tels and David Lloyd Leisure company will soon push restaurants and leisure into the top slot. The success of the strategic shift was underlined in interim profits which showed impres-

making up for only flat profits from tenancies and beer sales as vicious price competition in the off-trade continued. Pre-tax profits climbed 9 per cent to £155.7m (£143.1m), allowing an 8 per cent dividend increase to 5.75p (5.35p).

Those figures were right at the top end of expectations and Whitbread's shares moved accordingly, closing 9p higher at 629p as the market took the view that the company's financial strength, cash generation and strong brands merited a premium rating. Certainly pushing sales 8.5 per cent

ahead against a backdrop of extreme consumer caution was an impressive performance. The managed pubs managed 11 per cent turnover growth compared with a 7 per cent average for the sector, beer volumes were up 3 per cent while the on-trade as a whole fell. Whitbread's market share rose from 13.2 per cent to 13.9 per cent and the improvement in hotel room yields was

noticeably better than the competition. Encouragingly, heavy capital expenditure, at a rate of almost four times depreciation, continues to provide new profit streams for the future. Stripping out that growth spend and the cost of buying new businesses, underlying cashflow in the half was a useful £58m, about the same as last year.

Trading record	1993	1994	1995	1994	1995
Turnover (£bn)	218	1.97	1.76	0.85	0.95
Pre-tax profits (£m)	-9.8	92.0	122	57.7	65.1
Earnings per share (pence)	40	6.9	10.4	4.5	5.3
Dividends per share (pence)	3.25	3.25	4.0	1.2	1.4
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BET: at a glance

Market vakue: £1.23bn, share price 129.5p.

Profit forecasts of £252m for the year to February 1996 and £315m the following year, put the shares on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 15 falling to 13. Whitbread won't set a portfolio alight, but as an extremely well-managed company with increasingly strong market positions it is a very

Betterware turns the corner

Betterware, the door-to-door sales group, has recovered a modicum of its group, has recovered a modicum of its former poise this year following last year's problems. Those saw 1994 profits crash from £14.1m to just £1m, including a £5.1m exceptional charge.

Chairman Andrew Cohen's confidence in Analyticate to the confidence in the confid

dence in April that the company had seen the worst seems to have been borne out by yesterday's interim figures. Pre-tax profits crept ahead from £3.97m to £4.08m in the 28 weeks to 9 September, with the half-way dividend held at 0.85p. Although unexciting, the news suggests that Betterware has turned the corner.

The chief problem last time was the loss of over 1,000 part-time door-to-door sales staff following the calami-tous start of a new Birmingham warehouse in 1994. At 10,000, the sales army is still well short of its peak of 11,500, but Mr Cohen says they only need to recruit another 500 to regain last year's lost ground. Meanwhile, single-digit percentage growth in the UK in the first eight weeks of the second half give grounds for optimism about

A further lift to future results would come from completion of current negotations to dispose of the three noncore businesses - principally the Geeco garden products subsidiary. Removal of the loss-makers, which saw their combined deficit mount from £405,000 to £475,000 in the half-year, would give an immediate bounce to profits and add to Betterware's cash pile of close to £8m. But any real excitement is likely to come from Europe. France saw sales and profits rise 40 per cent and accounts for 10 per cent of the group, although activities in Spain and Germany have been put on the back-burner.

Full-year profits of £8m or so would put the shares at 65p, down 0.5p, on a prospective multiple of 13. Despite the improving trading outlook, sentiment remains against Betterware after past disappointments and the shares look

Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

You take the high road and I'll take a skirt

Condolences to Justin Urquhart-Stewart, the flamboyant director of Barclays Stockbrokers, who has been mistaken for a cross-dresser in a Paris bar. Friends say that the motorcycling Scot. who was wearing his kilt at the time, is badly shaken by the experience,

It appears that the boulevardier had popped over to the French capital for an evening with his wife and her family. Formally dressed for the evening's entertainment, he decided a sharpener was in order and duly nipped down to the local bar with his brother-in-law.

A kilted Scot in a Paris bar is bound to attract attention. But Mr Urquhart-Stewart, who admits to looking like "something left over from Culloden", felt the proprietor's welcome was just a shade too warm. It was then that the barman showed the broker a picture of himself dressed as Edith Piaf. "I am so happy to have people like you in my bar," he leered. The Scots retreated. Much like at Culloden.

It looks like marshmallows around the camp fire in Lin-coln's Inn Field for the Daily Telegraph's City office. Staff have been three-line whipped for a bit of weekend bonding on 18 November at what looks suspiciously like the offices of Brunswick, the PR

A mysterious memo to staff from Neil Collins, the City editor, explains: "It's an away day to discuss the future of the City Pages. Although attendance is not compulsory those of a paranoid disposi-



Dress code: a welcome look in parts of Parls

tion will regret not being there and the rest of us might have a good time (although some work will be done). There will be no counselling. At this stage I do not intend to answer press inquiries

A wise move. While they would not confirm it, the navel gaze is apparently being run by Professional Presentations, a human resources consultancy based in Brunswick's offices and run by Lucy Parker, sister of the PR agency's

Alan Parker. While Mr Parker will not object to ever-closer relations with the Daily Telegraph, some of the journalists are certain to. The away day coincides with the much-anticipated England versus South Africa rugby union match at Twickenham.

Hospitality tickets have had to be turned down.

A stormy session at the monthly council meeting of the Insti-tute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales yesterday (Are you sure? - Ed.) where the issue of predatory pricing among auditors stirred many a deep-seated passion. As is usual at these meetings, the bombastic views of Douglas Llambias, the portly recruitment consultant, were not universally appreciated.

Rising to challenge the excitable councillor. PeterWyman, a Coopers & Lybrand tax partner, observed: "Before we rearranged the seating at these meetings I used to sit opposite Douglas Llambias. Now that I sit behind him I can see where his views come from," The meeting disbanded in a profound

Hoare Govett has been deeply offended by market tittle-tattle surrounding its "buy" note on Airtours last week. Nowhere in the 22-page document was there a reference to the fact that the firm is the

company's broker.
"An yes," storms Andrew
Hunter, the HG analyst behind the recommendation. That's very true. But that is because the person who is normally responsible for such things was taken ill that day with heart failure."

Conceding that the omis-sion may be in breach of compliance regulations Mr Hunter warms to his theme. "It is not as though this was a new client," he says. "Have they [HG's rivals] got nothing better to do than to pore over other people's research?"

First Domestic, the home appliance insurer, has been quick to defuse damaging publicity surrounding British Gas's commission payments to service engineers who sell new boilers. "From the 100,000 policies currently insured only 0.1 per cent have required a replacement boiler in the last year," says chief exccutive Peter Moderate (I kid

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Investment alone will not solve Britain's problems

for investment, he says, Britain will continue to slip down the prosperity league. But the link between investment and growth isn't as straightforward as the Shadow Chancellor makes out.

Investment is undoubtedly too low and should rise in the second half of the 1990s. But it is not the golden key to national prosperity that you would imag-ine from listening to Mr Brown. And if investment does rise - as is likely in the next few years it is unlikely that Labour's new batch of incentives will be re-

Instead, it will increase mainly because of a rise in national savings, which has been largely induced by the climate of economic insecurity that the government has wittingly or unwittingly generated.

Since the end of the recession, business investment has been particularly disappointing. It is now only marginally higher in real terms than it was at the trough of the recession in the first quarter of 1992. This pattern stands in marked contrast with the previous two recoveries when business investment recovered quite

sharply.

Even though the shortfall is most marked in the property sector, investment in plant and machinery has grown less than in earlier upswings. Few would deny that this is

a problem for the long-term health of the economy. Investment is vital if we are not to run

Gordon Brown has thrown into capacity bottlenecks which lead to the recovery foundering vestment. Without a budget on the rock of renewed inflation. Outside the business sector, infrastructure investment for example in roads - is just as important if we are not to end up in permanent traffic jams and chronic congestion.

But investment is not the holy grail of growth. If it were, the Soviet Union would not have collapsed in economic ruins. What matters at the end of the day is higher productivity.

Labour makes much of

Britain's standing at the bottom of the league for investment for the Group of Seven leading in-

The real scandal is the shortfall in investment on infrastructure

dustrial countries since 1979. But two can play at league tables. Productivity in the business sector has been higher in the UK than in the rest of the G7

According to the OECD, total factor productivity - which measures the contributions of both labour and capital - grew in the G7 as a whole by 0.8 per

In the UK, it grew by 1.4 per cent - the highest in the G7 along with Japan. By contrast, in the golden era of high growth between 1960-73, when productivity was rising much faster



ECONOMIC VIEW PAUL WALLACE

higher, the UK came fifth, a position it retained in the doldrums of the mid to late 1970s. Let us assume that Britain could lift its investment ratio to levels seen in other countries say, by about four or five percentage points.

How much difference would it make? Some, but not a lot, according to Nick Oulton, an authority on investment and productivity at the National Institute of Economic and Social

On the basis of a comparison of growth and investment among 25 rich countries over the period 1973-89, he estimates that the hike in the investment ratio would contribute about a third of a percentage point to the growth rate. Given an underlying growth rate somewhere between 2 and 2.5 per cent, that would be handy but hardly the bonanza you might imagine from Labour's

rhetoric. One reason why Britain's overall shortfall in capital formation has proved less damaging for productivity is that investment in machinery generally regarded as particularly important for growth - has been roughly the same as in other countries. According to the Penn World Table, a dataset which enables international

comparison, the investment ratio for machinery to GDP in the early 1990s stood at 7 per cent in the UK. Japan had a markedly higher ratio at around 10 per cent, but Germany and France were also investing about 7 per cent in machinery. Much the same is true of business construction.

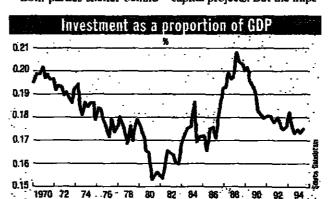
The areas where the investment shortfall are concentrated are infrastructure and housing. This is the real scandal of investment in Britain today - but it was a subject on which Mr Brown had little to say. After all that would simply raise the question of whether Labour would reverse Tory tax cuts to pay for the roads

Both parties shelter behind

for higher investment in these hold savings. that any of the measures Labour is now considering is likely to make a major impact on overall investment.

The plan to double first year tax allowances is only for a year. and is therefore likely simply to shift forward investment. A two-tier capital gains tax does not address the real fiscal probiem that encourages high payouts, namely the pressure from pension funds on companies to ssue dividends on which the institutions pay no tax rather than retain profits which are

Despite this, the level of investment is likely to rise in the second half of this decade. If low-inflation growth can be sustained, this will eventually overcome the concerns about the viability of recovery that have made businessmen less willing to commit themselves to capital projects. But the impe-



the convenient fiction of the pri-tus will also be derived from anvate finance initiative. The need other source - a rise in house-

With internationally integrated markets, national investment should in theory not be dependent upon national savings. In practice, it is highly correlated. So an investment shortfall can also be seen as a savings shortfall.

According to a recent paper by David Miles, UK economist at Merrill Lynch, savings rates are set to rise sharply in the next 15 years.

He expects the household savings ratio to rise from its present level of about 11 per cent to 15 per cent or higher. Provided that the Budget deficit did not rise, this would translate to a commensurate increase in national savings.

Mr Miles ascribes this impending sea-change to the new climate of insecurity. As the value of the state pension withers, so people will want to make greater provision for their re-

employment prospects is now much higher than it was in the past: this too will push up savings. Governments are encouraging greater provision for income and health risks as well

as retirement. The upshot is that Labour could come into office, pledging higher investment to sort out the nation's economic ills only to find that a rise in the savings rate caused mainly by Tory policies help to achieve that pick-up in capital formation. That would be an irony, indeed.

acquisition of shares from a

Dana subsidiary. A similar deal with Dana sees GKN's holding

in Danargen of Argentina in-crease to 49 per cent. In Colom-

bia, a 49 per cent share in a

Dana subsidiary is to be trans-

L'Oreal dismisses Scholl bid

DAVID HELLIER

The French beauty group L'Oreal has said it has no intention of making a bid for Scholl, the footcare group, which is under siege from a rebel shareholders headed by the UK Active Value Fund. Scholl yesterday issued a

statement in which it quoted the contents of a letter from L'Oreal to Gordon Stevens, chairman. The letter followed press speculation that L'Oreal as well as the American consumer products group, Gillette, were

rebel shareholders at Scholl with a view to making a possible offer for the group. The L'Orcal letter said: "We would like to assure you that

thought to have approached the

According to sources L'Ore-

had been approached by a number of financial intermediaries who were encouraging the company to make a takeover approach. Last month the rebel share-

holders, who want the group to be sold to maximise shareholder value, said they knew of several groups that were interested in making a bid for the group. But so far only one of them, Arkopharma, a small private French pharmaceuticals business, has made its interest public to Scholl.

L'Orcal has no intention of been talking about bidders since making an offer for Scholl, and early last month but so far the we have no objection to your only company we have heard making the contents of this let- from is a private small French group," said a spokesman for Scholl yesterday. "We have no idea where this story came from," said the spokesman.

Last week Scholl survived a vote at an extraordinary shareholders' meeting called by rebel shareholders who wanted to change the complexion of the Scholl and JO Hambro &

Partners, representing rebel interests, were last week discussing a compromise whereby one new board member might be appointed to the board to represent the rebels' interests. However, last week those compromise talks broke down.

GKN raises £44m in axles sale holding in its venture will be in-creased to 49 per cent with the

Deputy City Editor

GKN is selling its axles division to Dana Corporation of the US in a reshuffle of the two companies' stakes in several joint ventures. The deals are part of on its core drivelines business. Drivelines, which transfer a vehicle's power from the engine to the wheels, are the predominant product in GKN's largest

The disposal will raise £44m for GKN and a further £15m of debt will be transferred to Dana. The final strike price will be adjusted to reflect the audited net worth of the division at completion and GKN is expected to book an £8m excep-

tional credit in its 1995 figures. GKN's axies division consists of two plants in the UK, for light axles in Birmingham and heavy axles in Leeds, together with a tractor axle plant in Como, northern Italy. Dava acquires a staff of 1.400 in the UK and 200 a move by GKN to concentrate in Italy. In the year to December 1994, the division made profits before tax of £6m from sales of £116m. Tangible assets

> business, GKN also announced agreements to increase its interest in two driveline joint ventures in Brazil and Argentina and to set up a new venture in Colombia at a total cost of £19m. GKN already operates in 35 countries around the world, In Brazil, GKN's 40 per cent

Trevor Bonner, managing di-rector of GKN's automotive and at that date were £18m. As part of the focus on its core

agritechnical products division, said: "Axles was a niche husiness for GKN and its future should be much more secure with Dana for whom axles is a major core business activity.
"We are delighted to become involved in Colombia for

ferred to GKN.

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Gatecrasher could spoil cosy Lloyds-TSB get-together

It had to happen - rumours that an outsider plans to barge into the comfortable £13.6bn Midland Bank, is thought to be considering its position, the stock market appears, somemerger fixed up between what surprisingly, to be pinning Lloyds Bank and the TSB its faith on a foreign counter.

banking group. deal as all over bar the shoutcomed the alliance, judging tifying paying a higher price that the long rumoured get-to-than Lloyds. gether seemed to make ir-

refutable commercial sense. But in some respects TSB shares are riding above the Lloyds bid level with the possible tax advantages to institutional investors distorting the picture. TSB rose 3p to 376p; Lloyds 7p to 786p. There is little doubt that

Lloyds can afford to pay a

Most observers regard the not have the advantages of extensive cost savings and could ing. The stock market wel- have difficulty, therefore, jus-

Commerzbank, which earlier this year took control of the Jupiter Tyndall fund management group, is one name being put forward. The German bank has geared up for expansion and is thought to be keen to make an international splash. TSB represents the last readily available vehicle for a significant entry into UK re-



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

and the profit warning from garage group Evans Halshaw took their toll. With the reported road building cut-backs and House of Fraser, the deadding to the gloom the FT-SE 100 index was at one time down 26.6 points. However, a firm New York opening in-jected a little optimism and the to 318p, Incheape 15p to 298p index ended 10.4 lower at

A mere 1.5 per cent half time profit increase by Sainsbury, and more evidence of

of the year

The gloomy Mintel survey on high street trading clipped Marks & Spencer 7p to 417p partment stores chain, faded 3p to 147p on Morgan Stanley caution,

and Lex 12p to 318p. Even Cowie, largely a leasing group, felt the impact, off 10p at

Cordiant, the advertising

Prudential, the insurance ginal mained dull on the Thames Heritage, the struggling ant, jumped 18p to 414p on Water brush-off, falling a furbousewares distributor, James Capel support and Legal & General continued to attract attention, edging ahead to yet another peak of 684p. An analyst meeting firmed GRE 2p to 231p.

However, Refuge, the insurer, became the new take over front runner with a 20p gain to 428p. The activity in the insurance sector has become so persistent that many hardened observers are convinced a predator is hovering.

Eurotunnei's failure to win a claim against the British and French railways lowered the

shares 5p to 90p. Berisford fell 5p to a year's low of 145p as worries about

ther 17p to 885p.

provider, had an eventful ses-sion, reflecting the share per-formance of bidder UUNET and hopes of a counter-offer. The shares at one time showed higher at 528p in busy trading.

Bluebird, the toys group, was little moved by talk that US toy maker Hasbro had lifted its stake to more than 9 per cent;

the price firmed to 354p.

Among the bio babes

Cortees International traded up to 126p with stockbroker Greig Middleton said to be putting a value of 173p on the shares. They closed 6p higher

jumped 6.5p to 29p on the ar-Unipalm, the Internet rival of Jonathan Weeks, for-Kingfisher's Woolworth stores chain, as a non-executive director. Simon Gold was confirmed as finance director. a 45p gain; they closed 20p After a run of losses the company fought back to profits but suffered a sharp down-

> TIES, developing electronic security equipment, is forging abead on the Ofex market run by JP Jenkins, The shares rose 15p to 850p; last year they were 55p. The group, which has a hi-tech

turn in the first half of its

last vear.

6	THE FMAMIJASO	Lioyds can afford to pay a tempting price for TSB. With the two banks fitting so snugly and the cost savings that should flow from the merger it could make it difficult for a counter-bidder. Although HSBC, through	a significant entry into UK re- tail banking, which could prompt the Germans to pay the high price a realistic counter would require. Estewhere, flagging con- sumer confidence - as evi- denced by J Sainsbury's results	bury, and more evidence of pressure on margins sent a shiver of unease through the sector. Sainsbury lost 21p to 403p; Asda 2.75p to 99.75p and Tesco 7p to 293p. Argyll, the Safeway chain, finished 10p off at 312p.	Cordiant, the advertising group, traded near its year's low - down 2p at 84p - as the market awaited details of its signalled cash call to help ease its £150m debt burden. It is suggested the rights price could be around 60p.	268p high. Norcor, a corrugated board maker, tumbled 120 to 890 on a profit warning.	shares. They closed op higher at 118p. Wembley reacted uneasily to the unexpected "extra time" for the proposed new national stadium, falling 25p to 312p. Bunzl, the packaging group, edged forward 2p to 203p.	group, which has a ni-tec- camera system that pho- tographs users of cash di- pensers, is thought to be planning a full listing ner- year - ignoring the in-ber- attractions of the Alterna Investment Market.	s- xt ween
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RACING: With the Flat season coming to a close next Monday and the National Hunt campaign starting to get into full swing, the trainers tell **Greg Wood** of the jumpers that should keep punters warm with their profitability during the winter months

Stable additions aspire to join old favourites

Last year's Gold Cup-Champion Hurdle double secured Bailey's status as the leader of a to support Alderbrook and Master Oats. The trainer nominates Chiparus, a novice hurdler who should make his debut soon, and Going Around, winner of a listed hurdle last season and now ready to tackle the and he expects two of its major serious obstacles.

TOBY BALDING

A man who trained a Grand National winner as long ago as the has schooled well and now goes 1960s can still be relied upon to turn out several dozen winners each season, and in one instance he is already looking well into the future. "Campeche Bay was a most promising second at Cheltenham last week and could go chasing around the turn of the year if he's only got an ordinary future over hurdles. Romany Creek will also be well worth following, he got beaten at Stratford recently but I don't hold that against him. His target is the Scottish National and he's his trainer's tip for the Millenium Grand National."

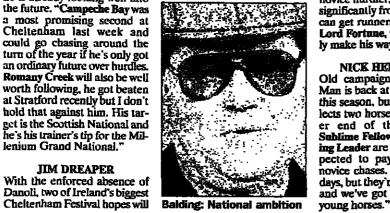
JIM DREAPER With the enforced absence of

be prepared by Dreaper. "We have two obvious ones, Merry Gale and Harcon," he says. "They're entitled to be considnew generation of trainers, and ered for all the big races. We're his yard has plenty of rising stars struggling a bit with firmish ground but they should run at the end of the month."

> Last season was the Wantage handler's best for several years, successes to continue their con-

DAVID GANDOLFO

tribution this term. Dante's Cavalier, winner of the bumper at the Grand National meeting. over hurdles, while Trying Again, a vastly improved hurdler who finished second to Alder-



brook in the Kingwell Hurdle. is ready to run in povice chases as soon as the ground eases.

MICKY HAMMOND Already one of the North's top trainers, the former jump jockey chooses Wise Advice, a novice hurdler, and - perhaps significantly from a yard which can get runners fit first time -Lord Fortune, who will initially make his way in bumpers.

NICK HENDERSON Old campaigner Remittance Man is back at Seven Barrows this season, but his trainer selects two horses from the other end of the age range. Sublime Fellow and Conquering Leader are two that are expected to pay their way in es. "It's very early novice cha days, but they're in good shape and we've got some very nice

PHILLIP HORBS

Very few trainers saddled more

GEORGE MOORE

high hopes for Wee River, six

times a winner last year and now

making his way in handicap chases. "He's a progressive type

and he looks the sort to win

Some may feel that it is both an attraction, and a drawback of National Hunt adding 30 more to the list. The borses list grounds of superstition, Trickle indoording that it already has more than enough horses to follow. Old campaigners return year after year, and few punctures can resist reviving long standing been at the top of their profession for 20 responded do not accessarily expect their friendships which, from a strictly financial point of view at least, might be better left to wither.

At first sight, then, we should have of where their best chances lie.

nice handicapper."

winners last year than Hobbs, whose 86 successes outstripped PAUL NICHOLLS the combined totals of Nick Richard Barber's point-to-point operation has been a rich source of winners for this yard Henderson and Jenny Pitman. He believes it will pay to follow in recent seasons, and Cher-Crack On - "he's run just once when he won a bumper at Utrynut, a winner of his first toxeter last season, and he'll novice chase at Worcester 12 now go straight over burdles" days ago, is the latest recruit. and Certain Angle, the winner "He won six out of seven points of a novices' handicap chase at for Richard and granted a little luck he could go a long way."

Another novice chaser to follow Exeter on Tuesday, "He wouldn't be top class but he'll is Ideal Partner. "This season

The Middleham trainer has chaser. I like him a lot." JIM OLD "I've got loads of horses worth following," Old says, before adding, typically, "it just degood races." Another horse following a similar path is Cool Luke. "He won his two novices

he'll win his races and then

make up into a nice handicap

last year and he should make a nice handicapper." when the rain arrives, Supreme Genotin, a novice hurdler, and Killone Abbot, an impressive winner of three races over timber last term, should be particularly worthy of note.

The Grand National winner, Royal Athlete, was prepared for his Aintree success seven months ago by the Weathercock House team and his half-brother, Tennessee Twist, is one of two selections by Mark Pitman, the trainer's son and assistant. "Tennessee Twist is a lovely great big horse. He did well to be placed in two of his three bumpers last year, and he'll run on Friday or Saturday this week. Nahthen Lad won three novice hurdles last year and he'll run in a handicap hurpends on how badly I train dle on Saturday before he goes them." Firm ground is cur- chasing. He's a very nice horse rently frustrating his plans, but and should be the part."

Buckboard Bounce made a very impressive winning debut for the season in a valuable handicap chase at Newbury, and this year", according to the trainer's wife, Joan. A novice chaser to look out for is Early

Morning Light. OLIVER SHERWOOD Coulton finally began to realise

his tremendous potential last season after a switch to Sherwood's yard and a spell of tuition from the jumping expert, Yogi Breisner. His trainer expects his improvement to con-tinue, with the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing



Day among the first of his major targets. Novice hurdlers are always a strong division at Rhonehurst Stables, and from another good intake the train-"should run in some nice races er chooses Father Sky. "He's won his two already this season, but he should go on to better things."

> SIMON SHERWOOD After a double at the Festival

when his training career was in its infancy, the man who rode Desert Orchid to Gold Cup success endured a difficult time last season, saddling just eight winners. As a result, though, many of his horses have slipped down the weights, and the chaser Front Street is one whom the trainer feels is "on the right side of the handicap". Falmouth Bay, one of Sherwood's winners last term, now goes novice chase and should add to his ac-

JOHN WHITE Linden's Lotto has aiready won four of six completed starts over fences this season - and also finished second to Paul Nicholls's choice, Cherrynut and his run is expected to continue. That Old Feeling is one to watch for in juvenile hurdles. "He won a conditions race on the Flat for Richard Hannon

Relkeel out for rest of season

Relkeel, the horse that was - although the lack of topforced to miss last season's flight hurdlers may mean he will Champion Hurdle after suf- be switched back to the smallfering an injury on the eye of the er obstacles: Danoli, the third race, will miss the 1996 running as well due to a further setback the season. that will keep him out of action for the whole of the National

six-year-old is the latest in a list of defectors from the Champion. Alderbrook, last year's winner, is also on the sick list and has only a 50-50 chance of competing at Cheltenham; Large Action, the runner-up in Roscoe Harvey, has taken the March, is to go novice chasing news well, as you would expect."

"Relkeel has a niggling prob-lem to his off-fore," Nicholson said, "in exactly the same place The David Nicholson-trained that he had a tiny problem the day before the Champion Hurdle when he was withdrawn.

"He'll be rested for the remainder of the season and, hopefully, be all right next term. "His owner, Brigadier

Relkeel was as low as 6-1 joint favourite for the Champion to provide a first victory in the race for both Nicholson and the horse's 95-year-old owner.

Last night the layers were jug-gling their odds, with Lad-brokes spokesman, Ian Wassell, saying: "It's not a question of who will be favourite, more of who will run." That company now makes

Ireland's Montelado the 7-2 favourite (from 6-1), followed by 4-1 Alderbrook "with a run". Relkeel was 8-1 third favourite with William Hill, who have tightened up the top

two - Alderbrook and Montelado - making them 5-1 jointfavourites from 6-1.

Coral's spokesman Rob Hartnett, tongue in cheek, quoted a price of 12-1 "the race not taking place due to a lack of runners" and makes Alderbrook the 4-1 favourite from 9-2.

CHAMPION HURDLE (12 March, 1996). Corat: 4-1 Alderbrook, 6-1 Montelado, 10-1 Forume And Farne, Large Actor, 12-1 Mysik, 16-1 River North, 25-1 others. William Hill: 5-1 Alderbrook, Montelado, 10-1 Vintaga Crop, 14-1 Fortuna And Farne, 15-1 Mysik, 20-1 Atours, River North, 25-1 others.

Ladbrokes: 7-2 Montelado, 4-1 (with a run) Alderbrook, 6-1 Fortune And Pame, 8-1 Large Action, 12-1 River North, 14-1 Moonsh, Myslv, 16-1 others.

LINGFIELD

HYPERION L30 Elementary 2.00 Lady Caroline Lamb 2.30 Friendly Brave 3.00 Sombreffe 3.30 Set The Fashion 4.00 NO SPEECHES (nap)

GOING: Standard. STALLS: Gf. 1m outside; remainder inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f to 7f

Equipment surface. Left-hand, sharp unduriles. Burn-in of 200yds.

Racecourie is south-east of town on 82028 Edenbridge road. Linglied raising station (served by London Victoria) adjoins course. ADM/SSS(00): Members 512, Tattersalle 58; Silver Ring 54. GAE PARK: Club 52; remainder free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Presidential (1.30), Nameloss (2.00). VISOEED FIRST TIME: What's Secrete (1.30), Foreman (2.00),

LONG-DESTANCE HUNNERS: Kalar (2.30) & Mowhale (4.00) have been sent 246 miles by D Chapman from Stiffington, N Yorks; Mayle Bay (4.00) has been sent 210 miles by A Bailey from Little Budworth, Chapatire.

1.30 LEO CLABARNG STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 1m 4f (AW)

2.00 SCORPIO NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 2YO 5f (AW)

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SETTNIC: 11-4 Lady Curoline Lamb, 3-1 Time For Tee, 7-2 Mystic Tempo, 8-1 Hamelees, 8-1 Beery, 10-1 Forense, 12-1 Subject, 14-1 oth-

2.30 TAURUS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 5f (AW) 101540 KALAR (34) (CD) (BF) 0 Chapman 6 10 0...... 302013 SQUIRE COMBRE (12) (D) G Harwood 3 9 12 ...

- 10 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Squire Corrie, 7-2 Friendly Brave, 6-1 Kelor, 8-1 Speedy Classic, 10-1 Lift Boy, Halifard, 12-1 others

3.00 LIBRA MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 7f (AW) 030000 CRYSTAL GET (15) D Arbuthrot 9 0 ... 422005 DANCING SIOUX (9) R Guest 9 0... OOD DESERT WITER (2)3 J Bridger 9 0 A Daily (7) 5 30224 KOMODO (143) K Curumgiant-Bown 9 0 W Woods 6 5 AWASHA (73) (87) Hos Gay Kellowiny 8 9 A Whiston Davies J CHAPEL ANNIE C Wildman 8 9 Shaphoo Davies J

BETTING: 5-4 Supplyerite, 3-1 Joydel, 6-1 Denoing Sione, 7-1 Komodo, 8-1 Anastin, 18-1 Souty, 20-1 Crystal Gift, 25-1 others

3.30 MYSON 45TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 1m (AH.) 21-60 QUEEP'S RUSSON (51) P Chapte-Horn 3 100_R H 5-5-11 120045 PRESENT SITUATION (14) (CD) Lord Huntington 4 9 10 ...A Whoten (B) 5

202620 MER ROUGH (26) (D) D Mortis 4 9 5... 230000 SCHARNHORST (14) S Dow 3 9 5 ...

BETTING: 3-1 Present Shustion, 4-1 Nordic Doll, 5-1 Set The Feshion, 8-1 Benilco, 10-1 Walled Bunch, Stave Princess, 12-1 others

4.00 ARIES AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,650 added 1m 2f (AW) 463030 MONILAE (149 (0) D Charman 4 11 7 ... Miles R Clark (5) 11

152030 ROMAN REEL (b) (CD) G L Moore 4 11 0 _Mr K Bobbe (b) 6 553233 MAPLE BAY (c) (SF) A Stater 5 10 13 410400 CAMDEN'S PANSONI (14) (CD) H Rowsell 8 10 13. 200000 KINGCHEP BOY (14) (1) M Ryan 6 10 9 __Nr \$ Langlin (5) 1

14 404660 STAR FIGHTER (77) (CD) M Haynes 3 10 1 _______ Miles Y flaynes 3

BETTING: 9-2 Kingship Boy, 5-1 Beld Hebit, 6-1 No Speeches, 7-1 Maple Boy, 10-1 Total Rock, 12-1 Tedelad, Montona, 14-1 others

MARKET RASEN

HYPERION 1.20 Dancing Dove 1.50 Nonios 2.20 Staigue Fort 2.50 Val de Rama 3.20 Paris Fashion 3.50

GOING: Good to First (Good in piaces), Bight-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Rus-in of 1f.

Right-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Rus-in of 1f.

Racecourse is east of lown on A631. Market Ragon railway station (Lincoln to Grimsby line) is less than one mile away. AD-MISSION: (7ab 512; Tottersells 58 (OAPs who are members of course's Jubilee Club 54); Silver Ring 34 (Abbilee Club OAPs 52).

CAR PARE: Plenic area 52; remainder free.

WINNERS (N THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Val De Rama (2.50) was at Sadofickt on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE BUTNIERS: Royal Scotte (2.20) has been sent 265 rolles by P Bowen from Raverfordwest, Dyfed; New Caprisonn (1.50) has been sent 200 miles by C Parlser from Kettleholm, Dum-

1.20 DE MONTFORT UNIV CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 1f 110yds

13-7221 DANCING DOVE (18) 6 Retails 7 12 0 ______B Harding 4429'6 TRESIDER (22) M W Enterly 13 10 11 E Hones 631-662 SUPSRIOD (12) DI R Cases 4 10 10 PRocess 23515-0 STRONG JOHN (31) (C) G Hubbart 7 10 10 K Gar 6352-51 FRET (L1) J Ward MBH 5 10 4... 004-012 LUCY TUFTY (13) (CD) J Pearce 4 10 2... — 10 deciseed — BETING: 3-1 Dancing Dove, 4-1 Lucy Tafty, 6-1 Cost The Line, 6-1 Roy-el Circus, 8-1 Superioo, 10-1 Mast Be Magical, 13-1 others

1.50 ANNUAL MEMBERS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 1f 110yds 2 MOONLIGHT AIR (19) J Spectra 4 10 7 Mr R Johnson 60.

2.20 CHAMBER OF TRADE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3m 1f 5F/-234 ROYAL SAXON (21) (EF) P Boyen 9 11 11 JMr R Johanon (5 3 61112/OU VERY CHEERING (25) (CD) Mass M Rowland 12 11 10 1-63F54 MBM* O'DEA (13) T BH 8 11 6 PIO4-P11 STANDLE FORT (40) Denys Smith 7 11 3 645UJO- SUPPOSIN (173) Mis S Smith 7 11 3 -8 destrued -82/TINE: 7-4 Demington, 11-4 Stalges Fort, 7-2 Royal Senso, 6-1 Change The Reign, 16-1 January O'Dea, 20-1 Supposts, Tiber Melody, 25-1 Other

2.50 R PEAK BOOKMAKER HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 3f 110yds

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3.50 STUDENTS IN FREE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 3YO 2m 1f 110vds

RAY RIVER (12) K Wingrow 11 5... ASKING (19) J Bernett 10 12.... BROWNLOWS M Berby 10 12....))) Bre 4 HIGH FLOWN (22) Royald Thompson 10 12..... _W Fo ORCHOARMAJ Quan 10 12 SLAPY DAM I Mackle 10 12

— 15 octores — BETTHE: 9-4 Houles, 9-2 Morelight Air, 5-1 Twin Creeks, 6-1 Hunters' Herves, 9-1 New Capticors, 10-1 Can Can Charle, 12-1 Brackentivesite,

and he jumps very well."

HAYDOCK 1.20: 1. VARIO (J Lover) 9-4 tav; 2. Mr Lowry 4-1; 3. Sanday Mail Too 16-1. 7 ras. 7. 4 (M Pips, Wellington). Yole: £2.70: £2.00, £3.10. Dust Forecast: £6.10. Computer Straight Forecast: £11.24.

RESULTS

Strong Forecast: £11.24.
1.50: 1. MOONSHINE DANCER (Mr M H Neughton) 4-5 Fay; 2. Able Player 2-1; 2. Tall Measure 7-1. 4 ram. 1%, 13. (Mrs M Revoley, Seldrum), Totes £1.70. Dual Forecast: £1.40. CSF: £2.66. 2.20: J. EASTHORPE (M.A. Ritgerald) 1-7
Lar; 2. Gesnera 6-1. 2 ran. 20. (Mas H Kright,
Waritage). Totac: £1.10. NR: Kings English.
2.50: J. BROCTINE BAY (P. Niven) 6-4;
2. Most Equal 5-4 fev; 3. Blazzon of Troy
9-2. 4 ran. 10, 12, (Mrs M Reveley, Saltourn).
Totac: £2.60. Dual Forecast: £1.40. CSF:
£3.57.

3.20: 1, SCELLY CAY (A Dobbin) 7-2; 2. Froatier Flight 4-1; 3. Pleasure Trick 11-2; 7 ran. 5-4 fav Desert Fighter (4th). 3-7; 12. (G Richards, Greystoke). Total: £3.50; £1.80, £1.80. Dual Forecast: £5.50. CSF: £1.76, £1.80.

3.50: 1. SPANISH LIGHT (A Dobbin) 4-11 fav; 2. Beathon 9-4, 2 ran. 25. (G Richards, Greystolie). Tothe: £1.40. Only 2 ran. 4.20: 1. RACHAEL'S DAWN (0 Pears) 8-11 fav; 2. Musical Vocation 4-1; 3. Librotitet 12-1. 6 ran. 6, 7. U Syo, Thirds, Tokes 51.80: 51.20, 52.20: Dual Forecast: 52.20. CSF; \$4.36.

Placepot: £48.00. Quadpot: £14.20 Place 5: £17.63. Place 6: £ 32.31. KEMPTON

1.40: 1. WISLEY WONDER (C Maude) 7-4 fav; 2. Balogy 7-2; 3. Kalassadi 15-8. 6 ran. 1, 10. (N Iwiston-Dawes, Cheltenham). Tota: £2.40; £1.70, £1.90. Dual Forecas

RICHARD EDMONDSON (Market Rasen 1.50) **NB: Friendly Brave** (Lingfield 2.30)

£7.30, CSF: £8.21, After a stewards incurry, 2.10: 1. REX TO THE RESCUE (S MoNoth)

2.40: 1. NORDIC VALLEY (O Burrows) 11-10 fav; 2. Manolete 33-1; 3. Forgetfal 7-2. 7 ram. Hd, sh hd. (M Pipe, Wellington). Totae: £2.00; £1.50, £9.50. Dual Forecast: £70.70. CSF: £26.35. 3.10: 1. GRLPA VALU (W Marston) 2-1; 2. Duhaffor Lodge 7-1: 3. Yeoman Wurfer 9-2. 7 ran. 15-8 tav Changed (4th). 1, 14. (Mrs. J. Pitman, Upper Lambourn). Totac 13.10; E1.80, E2.30. Dual Forecast £9.80. CSF: £15.10.

3.40: 1. EVEN FLOW (E Murphy) 10-11 far; 2. Shaply George 11.4: 3. Lord Vict. 25-1. 5 rau. 12. dist. (f Case), Upper Lan-bourst. Total 22.5: £1.20. £1.50. Dail Fore-cast. £3.00. CSF: £3.69. Only three limished. Cast: 2.100 (SF: 2.5.65 OFF) when marging 4,10: 1; 2. Sheriff 9: 1; 3. Borrowed And Blue 5-1, 10 ran. 5-2 few laths (4th), Shind, 8: U Gifford, Findoni, Total £11.50; 22:50, £2.70; £1:90. Dust Forecast: £55.40, CSF: £87.21. Tricast: £459.77. Trat: £160.40. Place 9: £845.85. Place 8: £845.85.

NEWTON ABBOT

1.30: 1. KING GRESEACH (A Thorstor) 141: 2. Ihr Cotton Socies 8-1: 3. Vooline 251: 18 rass. 7-2 fav Camp Bank. 114, 6. (K
Baley, Lambourn). Tote: £48.80; £6.50.
£250, £19.10. Dust Forecast: £215.00. CSP:
£111.92. 1.30 Tro: not won (pool of £304.99 is carried forward in the 2.10 race at Edinburgh today).
2.00: 1. SUPPERMICK (M Richards) 14-1;
2. WhiteSommet 5-1: 3. Drasmatic Event 81: 15 rass. 9-2 fav Poetic Fancy. 8, 244, (W Muir. Lambourn). Totes £60.0: £9.20, £3.30, £3.80. Dust Forecast: £75.80. CSP:
£80.65. Tricast: £548.82. Tric: £582.60.
2.30: 1. Do RREMILY (P Holler) 25-1: 2.

2.30: 1. DO RIGHTLY OF Holley 25-1: 2. Ottown 7-2: 3. Act The Wag 2-1 is v. 12. ran. (, 3. M Bradstock, Warriage). Total: E42-30: 56-40. E10. £1.40. Del Forecast: P52-50. CSF. £103.27. NR: Stage Rajer. Thir. £50.70. 3.00: 1. HOLD YOUR RANKS (I Frost) 12: 1; 2. Northern Starlight 5-1; 3. Teen Jan 8-1, 12 ren. 9-4 fav Dino Maka, 10, 4. (F Frost, Buckdasteigh), Tota: £16.90; £3.90, £1.50, £2.80. Dual Forecast: £42.30. CSF: £67.13. Tricast: £469.42, Tric. £115.60.

EST.J.3. Tricast: £469.42. Tric. £115.60.

3.90; 1. PERSMAN VEW (A Tromton) 15-8 far; 2. Absward 5-1; 3. Norman's Convinced 9-4; 6 ran. 20. 1½. (K Balley, Eartbourn). Totas: £2.30: £1.20, £1.70, £1.40. Dust Forecast: £6.70. CSF: £11.32.
4.00: 1. REAND (D Bridgester) 9-4 far; 2. Natricel Roy 5-2: 3. Special Account 8: 1. 9 ran. 1½, dist. (P Hobts, Watched). Tetas: £5.10. CSF: £7.97. Trocas: £33.13. NR: Mrage Dancer. Troc. £18.30. (B Maccount 8: 1. CASTIL S. SAMERIA (D Maccount 9: 1. CASTIL S. SAMERIA (D. Maccount 9: 1. CASTIL S. SA

rage Dancer. Inc. £18.20.

4.30: 1. CASTLE SWEEP (R Massey) 94 far; 2. Commanght Cracker 7-2: 3. PrinRegardineerve 33-1. 16 ran. 114. 1). (D
Nichelson, Temple Culting). Total: £1.80.
£1.80. £2.40, £5.70. Duel Forecas: £12.00.
CSF: £11.83. Tro: £338.60.
Jackpot Mot won. (Pool of £3.819.18 carried forward to Edinburgh today).
Place £2. £26.50. Place & £218.32.



EDINBURGH

HYPERION 1.40 Corniche Quest 3.10 Lady Bankes 2.10 Tremendisto 2.40 Meghdoot 4.10 Pine Ridge Lad (nb)

STALLS: Inside.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low fur :-i; High from 7i to 1m-ii.

Right-Mari owal course with tight turns. Straight 5i course is one of the fastest in the country.

Revecourse is 5 miles east of city on A1 in Musselburgh. Bus link from Edinburgh rullway station 5 miles away. ADMISSION: Club 511: Tattersolls 26 (OAPs and unemployed 53, accompanied under-16s free). CAR PARE: Free.

SIS ... ILEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Berry - 38 winners from 186 nanners gives a success ratio of 20.4% and a lass to a 21 level stake of 22.58; M Johnston - 18 winners, 105 nanners, 17.1%, 54 1.00; M II Tempiths - 10 winners, 23 nanners, 13.5%, +520.50; M Nangiston - 10 winners, 65 nanners, 15.2%, +520.57; ■ LPADING JOCKEYS: E Darley - 36 wins, 164 rides, 22.%, -511.80; J Carroll - 34 wins, 158 rides, 21.7%, -520.63; J Weaver - 20 wins, 112 rides, 25.9%, +500.20; G Daffield - 21 wins, 105 rides, 25%, -513.80; BIDNERSED FIRST TIME: Principal Boy (1.10), Queeus Check (1.10); Frontierman

(1.10); Hey Up Dolly (1.10).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Coango (2.10) won at Nottingham on Thursday. Northers Spark (4.10) wim in Newrastle on Monday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Opers Buff (2.10) & Classic Dalay (4.10) have been sent 4.21 miles by Mass & Kelecuty from Wincombe. Porset: Lady Bankes (4.10) has been sent 407 miles by W Turner from Cortan Denham, Somerset.

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Frances Mary, 20-1 others. 1994: Super Schata 2 8 9 P Robinson 5-1 G# H Yomphansi 8 ran. FORM GLIDE

Amoeba could win this on the form she showed in the summer when she was runner-up in his maderns on turf. Amoeba then flopped on Fibres-and, though, and did not sparkle at Red-car in September, so in is difficult to be confident about her, especially with her stable going through a quiet spell. That remark also applies to CORNICKE QUEST, although her recent through a quiet spell. That remark also applies to CORNICKE QUEST, although her recent through to Mister Joel over this hop at Redicar suggests she is holding nor from prefix well. Connecte Quest has had her share of chances but still looks more likely to van a synnt than quiet a few of these. Awarlieh has been found wanting over lour different distances, including when brinkered over a mide last time. In contrast, Fluidsterre has done all his mating at the minimum trp. Live Assafeth, he did not do any better when brinkered on his latest start. Framous Many looks as though she can win a little race of this distance and halds Principal Boy on Cartenck running behind Swynford Dream.

Selection: CORNICHE QUEST

2.10 TENNENTS NOVEMBER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £6,000

added 3YO 1m 7f Penalty Value £4,397

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FORM GUIDE mation of a staying trip and soft ground can do the trick for FABILLION, beaten The combination of a staying tip and soir ground can do the trick for FABILLION, beaten too lengths by Snow Princes's (writer since) over a mile and a half at Chepstow and who firsthed strongly when beaten a length by Cuenge when stepped up to a 1 m 62 at National and Should go well for Mark Henry once more. Another Nottingham wenner, Opena Buff, form and should go well for Mark Henry once more. Another Nottingham wenner, Opena Buff, so a possibility ofter his straightforward success in a maden. Opena Buff could have improved since groung Gaye Kelkraay. That Nottingham race was only his second for the stable but he is 14th higher in the handscap than when second to Steve's Wonder at Salisbury in Sourcetters as he will have to be better than even to one mean weethin to all har Labran. the but he is 14th higher in the handcap than when second to Steine's Wonder at Salisbury in September, so his will have to be better than ever to give away weight to all bar Latinan. This track has brought but the best in Latinan in the past but just as likely to make her breach its Bullyanae Girl, well surted by soft ground and who wen this race last year. Meet came good at Linghold 10 days ago, making all over 1m 4t on the ell-weather track when wearing blinkers for the first time.

Selection: FABILION

2.40 LEONARD THOMSON FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 370 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,826

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incana 6st 9th, Harrien Heights fist. ING: 5-2 Lovely Lyca, 3-1 Meghdoot, 6-1 Kaloo, 7-1 Phikuston Polius, 10-1 Tethys, Simuat, 1994; France 4 8 12 K Darley 4-1 (S C Williams) 9 ran

FORM CURDE Lovely Lyce's Leicester win was in a 0-70 conditions event and she might find this handi-cap tougher (the Leicester fourth, Pinkerton Polila, was almost 10 lengths admit and has a 22to puli), but Lovely Lyce is clearly back in form and Lanfranco Detton rides. Mary Reveley's horses have been ticking over ricely for a white now and SLMAAT might be able to keep the good run going. After a four-morth break, Simaat has probably needed her lest two out ings, but she won on soft ground last autumn at Haydock, and she is 31b lower in the hand cap than when beaten a neck by Ciburnel News under 9st 12th in a 19-runner race at Leca in April. Sobia Up must put behind ner a couple of below-per performances but her five win this season include three on the course and, although they were all gained on test ground the mare does act on a soft surface. Kallou is book in a more skipable race after trying his

:	Şta	ble that w	on this a year ago with Francia.	Selection: SLMAAT
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FORM GLIDE FORM GUIDE

Tabriz should find this maiden auction easier than the competitive nursenes she has been running in, but she might not improve as much as LADY BANKES. Lody Bankes finished about four lengths admit of Seenkerls in the Warwick race won by Ley The Blame from Maristace (both warmers sinced but Lady Bankes was having her first run, whereas Sceniche had plenty of experience to call on. Ledy Bankes is a half-sizer to Queen's Ranson, who won over this distance as a juventle last year, and she looks as though she will appreciate the seventh fund ghersal faiter finishing strongly into second behind odds-on Massile at Prontefract last time. Academy Of Dance was also entered in the mile maiden and, if her staying-on second to Fartight Down at Leicester (7h) is crytining to go by, she would be suited by a longer inp. Shif, the softer ground wat place some emphasis on standard and she can be given another chance.

3.40 EBF TENNENTS LAGER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £3,973 CHALVELIN (IRE) (IV M Johnstone) De Johnston Mar J Cecl FLY FISHING (ISA) (JA) (Lord Housest de Welden) Mar J Cecl NOT QUITE (REY (JA) (D D Dianest M McAulife 9 0 London House (REY (JA) (D D Dianest M McAulife 9 0

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4.10 LADBROKE ON-COURSE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 」 added 3YO plus 1m 16yds Penalty Value £3,631

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FORM CURDE FORM CURDS

The going was good to firm when Northern Spark heat a big field at Newcastle (77) on Monday, but the 5th penalty, the extra furing and much softer ground could make itio difficult for him today. Preference is for SUPER HIGH, a dual oil weather winner who has run well on soft ground on turf. He is a handy 2th lower than at Notargham a week ago, when he was a Joses and fact finishing thred of 20 behand Belleviers over this timp. Calder King is numing well enough to suggest he can end a fosing spell stretching back to October lest year, although his trainer, Les Eyre, older on into Pine Ridge Lad, dear of the others when chasing home Night Wink at Redcar last week. Preventionisties has not been out since July but has Detroit on board and is binhared for the first time, Field Of Vision wears the head-goar for the first time since his two-year-old days.

Selections, SUPER HIGH

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Tyson thumb injury puts paid to ailing promotion



Photograph: Allsport humbs up, or rather down, from Tyson

KEN JONES

reports from Las Vegas

As ticket sales were slow enough to suggest a financial disaster, the announcement that a thumb injury would prevent Mike Tyson from going in against Buster Mathis Jr at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on Saturday was bound to raise a great deal of cynical speculation.

Certainly it is hard to believe that Tyson pounded a heavy bag and the bodies of his sparring partners despite the pain he claims to have reported three weeks ago.

The mystery deepened when in giving a detailed description of Tyson's impairment (a fracture around the end joint of his right finger) two doctors, Gary Marrone and Gerald Higgins, stated that at first they did not consider it a serious threat to the was a further separation."

The frustration of being un-Nobody was more sceptical than Mathis's trainer, Joey Farable to recapture lost timing was rielo, a man with long experiput forward as an explanation for Tyson's sparring unusually late in preparation, but the picence in boxing. "It just doesn't add up," he said. "I find it difficult to believe that any doctor ture altered dramatically after a session in the gymnasium would allow a fighter to carry on sparring with a damaged hand. yesterday. "When we exam-That just doesn't sound ined Mike's hand it was obvious that he would not be able to Curious too that the MGM box," Higgins said.

Apart from wider implicapromotion collapsed only a few tions this put paid to the facehours after Tyson dismissed scowlingly suggestions of a tious theory that Tyson could problem. "It's nothing," he said beat Mathis with one arm tied behind his back. at a press conference to introduce every contestant, includ-Although one of Tyson's coing three world champions, on managers, John Horne, insisted

that it is only a postponement, Mathis is left to brood over the the card. Equally suspicious is the fact that Tyson, who has adopted a probable loss of an \$800,000 (£520,000) purse. "I have no control over Tyson's decisions," low profile since returning to the ring, made himself available for interrogation earlier this Mathis' promoter, Cedric Kush-

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contest. "There was time for a small fracture to heal," Marrone said, "but unfortunately there carrying his right hand in an iced towel. "It isn't the fight but as things stand anything to worry over," he we're only guaranteed \$75,000." in training and hotel expenses."

Among the other sufferers was the British heavyweight Henry Akinwande, who will not be reimbursed for the \$17,000 it cost him in preparation for meeting Tony Tucker on the undercard. Since the prognosis is that it

will be six weeks before Tyson can resume training it will be interesting if the recovery is achieved ahead of schedule. Fox television who injected \$10m into the promotion will launch a series of live fights in January, but Tyson's commit-ment is to MGM and the Show-

time cable company.

Plans were in place for Tyson to challenge Frank Bruno for the World Boxing Council championship on 16 March next year and the British boxer was due to be at the ringside on Satur-

Warren. In the absence of Don King, who is in New York denying an insurance fraud, Tyson was discreetly evasive about the future. "I'm happy to fight Bruno or anyone," he said. A personal view is that Tyson

will fight again in January if not before the turn of the year, but a longer absence would raise important possibilities for Lennox Lewis, who has taken legal proceedings in an attempt to establish priority in contention. Unquestionably, it would be difficult for the WBC to argue that Tyson is the leading challenger for their heavyweight title if his comeback is delayed by more than a couple of months.

Considering that very little in boxing is ever what it seems, present suspicions are understandable, although information from a reliable source suggests that Tyson's injury is genuine. And it nonsense to suppose that two

involved in anything scurrilous. Of course, the news delighted Caesars Palace and the cable company, Home Box Office who no longer face competition for Saturday night's contest be-tween Riddick Bowe and Evander Holyfield Doubtless on the understanding that Tyson was involved in another mismatch, it was always doing

much better at the box office. In fact, the outcome of yesterday's drama may be the realisation of Tyson and his associates that there is no future in staging contests that so obviously insult the public's perception. Eamonn Loughran's World Boxing Organisation welter-

weight title defence against Mexico's Jorge Luis Lopez has been postponed, because Loughran has had flu and has a damaged right hand. The fight has been provisionally re-arranged for 16 December.

Liverpool loss caps **European gloom**

coming like dispatches from the bulletin arrives in Britain and every time the message is one of gloom - that from the Uefa Cup second round second legs possibly the darkest so far-

On Tuesday morning, bookmakers would have produced enticing odds on Raith Rovers being the only British team to score in four matches against Continental opposition. Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. it was assumed, were all but in the third round, while Leeds promised to go down fighting against PSV Eindhoven.

By the end of the evening the sum total from a Halloween night of tricks and few treats was a fortunate aggregate victory for Forest and one consolation goal for Raith against Bayern Munich, Leeds, meanwhile, went down 8-3 on aggregate and seemed spineless.

The most surprising result of them all, however, was at Anfield. Liverpool, supposedly the most Euro-friendly team from these shores, were nullified by a Brondby team who. hard working though they were. would hardly rank among the great forces in Europe. We were outclassed by

Genoa and Spartak Moscow.* home, "but not by Brondby. It was a disastrous result. Going out of Europe hurts."

position in Europe but because into the hat for the next round."

their fire to upset Feyenoord in

the European Cup-Winners

we must show the passion that

has not always been there this

season," Royle said in Rotter-dam. "It is a big night for the

club and a big chance to get our

Everton start all square after

a goalless first leg, but much of

the determination that charac-

terised their FA Cup final vic-

tory and relegation escape has

gone and the single win in their

first round. More tellingly, only

Ajax have beaten Feyenoord in

their stadium this season.

season going again."

Cup tonight.

Clubs cannot cope with differing needs at home and abroad. Guy Hodgson reports

they had so much of the possession and did so little with it. Half-chances arrived in bunches but in among them there was barely a clear-cut opportunity.

This was due in part to Liverppol's supposed strength: their passing. Throughout the game Jamie Redknapp and company painted pretty pictures on the pitch but the need to embellish move after move allowed Brondhy time to regroup even when danger loomed. The penalty area became congested and the only route to goal was down the flanks where Steve Harkness and Rob Jones lacked the technique to prosper.

"I suppose the old thing about us being naive in Europe will come out," Roy Evans their manager, said, "but on another day we would have won."

On another day, someone might have answered. Forest would also be mulling over failure, too, if Auxerre had been lucky with just two out of five efforts that were cleared off the line over two legs. Forest's resilience was admirable but even their manager, Frank Clark, who described Auxerre John Barnes, their England as the finest side he had enmidfield player, said referring countered in his time as a manager, admitted the debt his side owed to fortune.

They will be feeling very hard done by with the result." It hurt most not because the said. But we achieved the Liverpool became the first Eng- most important thing there expose failure. There was little lish team to lose to Dunish op- ever is in cup football - we got

Royle calls for passion

Joe Royle is relying on his largely on the fitness of an al-round, second leg tie. If it can

Everton team rediscovering ready depleted squad. David be achieved, then the dismal

(imprisoned) could not make

the trip. Anders Limpar (ankle), Joe

Parkinson (foot) and Daniel

Amokachi (knee) are all in the

party but may struggle to com-

plete 90 minutes, while Craig

Short (viral infection) was hos-

pitalised for tests at the weekend.

my Burns, victory against Paris

St Germain at Parkhead tonight

For the Celtic manager, Tom-

The Tennents Scottish Cup

holders are aiming to overturn

Unsworth (back), Eurl Barrett memory of a Coca-Cola Cup fi-

(knee), Vinny Samways (ham- nal defeat by First Division

Clark is too astute to let the result be the end all and he em-

phasised the need for British clubs to catch up with the rest of Europe. "We can't hope to match the technical ability of the Ccontinentals," he said, "until the structure of our game

is changed at the grass roots.
"We are hopefully moving towards it. At least we are now allowed to get kids at nine and 10 and start coaching them and teaching them properly. But at the top level here there are still pressures on clubs getting results in the Premier League and giving the public excitement on aturday afternoons."

Talking about the Auxere game in particular, he added: "I wish we could have passed the ball better and given support quicker and better from the back to players further up the field. But after three years of instructing players how to go about winning at domestic football I've suddenly got to tell them different things to perform in Europe. It's hard to blame them when they find it a strug-

Tm sad the other teams like Liverpool and Leeds and Manchester United have gone out because we've no particular wish we'll probably get now as the only British side playing in Eu-

So far scrutiny has tended to on Tuesday night to suggest Forest will prove an exception.

Raith last November, and a

record run without scoring a

anyone who thinks we haven't

improved since last season doesn't know what he is talking

about," Burns said, "We have

been playing well for the past

month or so and I don't think we

have been getting the credit the

The midfielder Phil O'Donnell

misses out but injury worries over

John Collins, Andreas Thom, Si-

mon Donnelly and Andy Walker are clearing. Burns added that his captain, Paul McStay, in fine

form this season since returning

players deserve for that."

We are making progress and

goal, will be erased.

Smith makes mental note

Cricket

JAMES ALEXANDER reports from East London

Only eight days' first-class cricket separate England from the first Test and now the major players must start to hit the right notes. Yet Devon Malcolm, a proven if inconsistent matchwinner, has made such a wretched start that he might now have only a peripheral interest in this tour.

Malcolm cut a solitary figure at nets yesterday, bowling on his own with no help or even encouragement from the management. He has been left out of the match starting against Border at their Buffalo Park ground here today, while Peter Martin, who has a broken right ring finger, will play.

Robin Smith is another whose early-tour form has caused concern, yet he is certain to be in the XI for the Test match, Smith is a curious contradiction. His brutal power with the bat suggests unlimited self-belief, yet in reality he is a man whose head churns round like a washing machine full of thoughts, theories and doubts.

He once wrote a book on the psychology of batting and is constantly searching for the mental equilibrium that will bring him even more runs for his adopted nry. Now he thinks he might have found it. Smith has been consulting the hypnotist Paul McKenna who has also worked with the boxer Nigel Benn. McKenna has helped the Hamp-

shire batsman to relax. Smith explains: "My anxiety level has reduced, while my focus and concentration have im-

proved. It has been absolutely brilliant. When I was out of Test cricket for nine months before being recalled this summer, I wondered if I had lost the big-match temperament. I was ad-

vised Paul might be able to help.
"I have had three or four sessions with him. He puts me into an hypnotic state. I'm not a zombie, but it allows him to talk to the subconscious half of my brain. As cricketers, we spend hours practising batting, bowling and fielding, but neglect the mental side - which I reckon is at least 50 per cent of being a

successful sportsman. Smith uses the word "focus" a lot and says he is focused more on his batting because he has cut down on his non-cricketing activities. Keith Fletcher, when he was England manager, once criticised Smith for allowing himself to be distracted by commercial ventures. Smith now acknowledges this was the case and believes 500 runs in the series is a realistic personal target.

A total of 49 runs in four innings is hardly the start he wanted, but Smith is happy with the way he has been batting in the nets. He is struggling to find his timing on the slow pitches in the matches, though, and was not pleased when told the East London track is regarded as the most funereal in South Africa. However, it might also draw the sting from Makhaya Ntini, just 18 and making his debut but one of the fastest young bowlers in this country.

BORDER: PJ Botha, FJ C Cronje, P N Kirsten (capt), D J Culikhan, P C Strydom, S C Pope. S J Palframan (wkt), I L Howell, B C Foune. P A N Emslie, M Nbm.

England's last-ball win

Pakistan Board XI 191-9 England A 192-4

England A won by six wickets

England A clinched a six wicket win over the Pakistan Cricket Board XI off the final ball of their opening tour match in Karachi yesterday.

Half-centuries by the opener Nick Knight and his captain, Nasser Hussain, proved to be the telling contributions in the 50-over contest after England A had been set 192 to win. With the scores level, Keith

Piper hit the last hall of the game to midwicket where Mohammad Ramzan fumbled and the batsmen managed to scamper through for the deci-

ad Ramzen c Piper b Giddins Shatid Anwar not out
laz Ahmed c Piper b Headley
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Juninho permit held up

Everton's prospects depend a 1-0 deficit in the second

last 10 matches came against would be another giant stride in Reykjavik's part-timers in the his 18-month Parkhead revolu-

ip tonight. string), Andrei Kanchelskis (in-lam quietly confident. But eligible) and Duncan Ferguson

RUPERT METCALF

All those newly bought Brazilian shirts might have to stay in their wardrobes for at least another fortnight: Juninho may not be making his Middlesbrough debut this weekend after all.

Bryan Robson's £4.5m purchase from São Paulo was exappearance for his new club at home to Leeds United on Saturday - subject to Middlesbrough receiving an international clearance certificate.

That, it seems, has been delayed at the Brazilian end. Dave frustrating situation for the player and the club. Juninho arrived in England last weekend and has trained with us for the past three days. But we have not yet heard from the Brazilian Football Association."

Saturday's match is already a ance fails to arrive in time, Juninho's debut will be delayed for a further fortnight until 18 November, when

Middlesbrough travel to Selhurst Park to meet Wimbledon. He will miss Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup replay against Crystal Palace because he is playing in an international friendly for Brazil in Argentina.

Another foreign import, Manchester United's Eric Cantona, suffered a knock in training on Tuesday. However, he pected to make his first should be fit for Saturday's match at Arsenal.

John Deehan, dismissed last summer by Norwich City, returned to League management yesterday when he took charge at the Third Division club, Wigan Athletic. He replaces Graham Allan, a press spokesman for Middlesbrough, said: "It is a month. Deehan has spent the season so far playing for a Norfolk side, Wroxham, in the Jewson Eastern Counties League.

Paul McGrath is likely to break Pat Bonner's record of 78 caps for the Republic of Ireland when Jack Charlton's team travel to Portugal for their con-30,000 self-out and, if the clear- clusive European Championship qualifier in Portugal on 15 November.

Republic of Ireland squad. Sporting Digest, page 31 from injury, will be a key figure. The great

spectator scam

From Mr Simon J S Nicholls Sir: With professionalism in rugby union increasing demands on players, and, I would imagine, ticket prices rising, isn't it time the RFU did something for spectators and made the game more entertaining?

Having watched Bristol v Gloucester, I feel spectators are in danger of being conned. The game was full of stoppages, with a whistle-happy referee. I got home to see the second half of the Wales v England rugby league semi-final, and it was terrific end-to-end entertainment. Yours faithfully.

SIMON J S NÍCHOLLS Bristol 22 October

The youth dilemma

From Mr Andrew Barr Sir: English rugby is suffering (1) because promising young players are unable to com-

land's generation gap", 24 October): or (2) because the standard of competition is not high enough and fewer, better sides should be playing closer to international level more often. But not both.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW BARR London, NW6

League of gentlemen

From Mr Gavin Power Sir: In an age where rugby reaches for change, is it not time the gentleman's game played the gentleman's card? I am speaking of those who sacrifice much of their time and rarely go rewarded. Simon Brown, a Harlequins stalwart, will no doubt return to the Seconds

when Jason Leonard is fit. I propose that all top-division clubs be forced to make two non-injury related changes Square London E145DL. They may mand a first-team place ("Eng- every week bar two (to allow the

first XV to play), allowing at least two Seconds players to display their abilities at top level. Yours faithfully, GAVIN POWER

Watching brief: Ray Illingworth checks on Robin Smith yesterday

19 October Blinkered boxers

From Mr Neil Billingham Sir: Ken Jones' comments on boxers taking more responsibility for their health ("Administration called into question" 26 October) were well articulated but futile. When one fight can make or break a boxer's career and an aura of invincibility is almost a necessity for success, boxers will not take necessary precautions for fear of cutting short a rewarding career Yours sincerely, **NEIL BILLINGHAM**

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Northampton

26 October

Robertson leads rout of Russia

Hockey BILL COLWILL

Football

7.30 unless stated

7.30 DIVESS SAIRLY SECOND ROUND SECOND LEG Cettic v Paris St-Germain (7.45) Poyenoord v Everton (7.4)

Other ties: Rapid Vienna (0) v Sporting Lis-bon (2) (7.20); Hradec Kratove (Cz Rept (0) v Dynamo Moscow (1) (4.15); Parma (0) v Halmeteds (Swe) (3); Club Bruges (1) v Reat

Zaragoza (2) (7.0): AEX Athens (1) v Borus-sa Mönchengladbach (4) (6.0): Deportivo La Coruña (1) v Trabzonspor (Tur) (0) (9.0).

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reports from Bisham Abbey Great Britain Russia

Britain's women persisted with their new aggressive style of hockey in the second Test yesterday, although towards the end of the game they were looking tired and their play became over-complicated.

In a slow start Britain played zonal hockey, which allowed the Russians to settle into their game, and it was not until the

17th minute that they opened the scoring from their second penalty corner, Karen Brown's lob bouncing off the crossbar to be met by Pauline Robertson.

A fortuitous penalty corner two minutes later produced the second goal. Robertson's initial shot was blocked by the Russian goalkeeper but Britain's captain, Jill Atkins, followed up with a cracking shot. The 2-0 interval score in no way reflected Britain's dominance.

An unnecessarily crude tackle by Lucy Cope on the Russian captain, Tatyana Vasykova, five minutes into the second half reduced Britain to 10 players.

FA YOUTH CUP First round: Torquey Utd v Welling Utd; Reading v Cardiff City.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEACUE Flist DI-

TODAY'S FIXTURES

TENNIS: Guardian Direct National Champi-onships (Telford). HOCKEY: Women's international (Bisham Abbey): Great Britain v Russia (3.0). BASICTBALL: Budwesser League: Dethy v Lon-

The Leicester defender served out a five-minute temporary suspension, which gave the visitors the opportunity to force Britain back onto the defensive, but they were unable to

beat goalkeeper Jo Thompson. With Cope back on duty. Robertson finished off a good move between Sixsmith and Mandy Nicholls in the 50th minute for Britain's third goal. Four minutes later Sixsmith moved to the near post to turn in Sue Fraser's penalty corner strike and complete the scoring.

The home coach, Sue Sincombe, was delighted with Britain's attacking play, which has produced nine goals in two games, and was pleased to see that they were at last scoring from penalty corners - albeit only on the follow-up.

GREAT BRITAIN: 1 Thompson Upsers or (Group), 1 Attions (Bradford Switzer) K Brown (Stough), 1. Cope Have Davies (Sutton Coldition), 7 Roberts 1 Attion (Californ); 3 Septimble (Sutton) S Mandonald (Geograf Western), (Stough) Substitutes used Million

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Family ordeal as Janes keeps up the tradition

IOHN ROBERTS reports from Telford

"The Bridge of Sighs", as a colleague once named the elevated walkway between the courts at the Guardian Direct National Championships here, was heaving yesterday. A couple of 17-year-old qualifiers defeated seeds to advance to the quarterfinals of the women's singles. and Greg Rusedski, the British

No 1, dropped a set against Tom Spinks, No 19 in Britain and No well as hitting 12 aces – hard 632 everywhere else.

Spinks, a 20-year-old from Norwich, became the second British player to raise his game against Rusedski since the Canadian-born world No 41 cmbraced the Union Jack in May. The other was Mark Petchey. who defeated the big-serving left-hander in his opening match at London's Queen's Club in June.

Rusedski, who double-fault-

enough to knock the numbers off the scoreboard - was broken twice in losing the opening set but recovered to reach the

quarter-finals, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. The day belonged to Amanda Janes, daughter of Christine Janes, who, as Christine Truman, won the French singles championship in 1959 and was runner-up to Angela Mortimer at Wimbledon in 1961, and to Jasmine Choudhury, of Cam-

bridge, who started playing at the age of 10 after trying her luck at the Cliff Richard "Search for a Star" scheme.

Janes, who eliminated the seventh seed, Lucie Ahl, of Exeter, is tall and blonde with a serve-volley style reminiscent of her mother's era, although the power generated by her left-handed serve is the product of evolution and modern racket technology. She said she had watched the film of her mother's Wimbledon final:

"I'm sure they played slower." None the less. Amanda described her mother as her mentor and coach", and Christine was up there on the Bridge

of Sighs, mentally hitting winners or errors along with her daughter and, as usual, finding the whole experience an ordeal "It's dreadful, awful," she said. 'By choice I wouldn't watch, but Amanda hates it if I don't watch.

Amanda, of Essex, is the youngest of Christine's four children. She had not wanted any of them to take up the sport because of the disappointments they might face. "But I wouldn't be doing all the fun things I do if I hadn't played tennis, so I

wouldn't try to stop her." In the quarter-finals, Janes plays the third-seeded Karen Cross, of Devon, a finalist in 1993. Choudhury meets Clare Wood, the second seed, after defeating the fifth-seeded Rachel Viollet, daughter of Dennis Viollet, the former

Manchester United and England footballer.

Choudhury, who was a set and 2-0 down before coming back to win. 4-6, 6-3, n-1, was recruited to the Lawn Tennis Association's national training squad at Queen's Club a month ago, an example of how youngsters can advance from the various grassroots initiatives nowadays.

"I went to a Cliff Richard Search for a Star assessment day, and they picked out a few players they thought had talent to play in a Short Tennis tournament," she recounted. "The prize was a free lesson. I won the free lesson, and went on from there."

Jim Courier, the former world No 1 from the United States, confirmed he was slowly recapturing his best form by beating the Dutchman Jacco Eltingh to reach the third round of the Paris Open yesterday. Courier used his powerful baseline strokes to win 6-1, 6-7, 6-2.

Scottish

pair set

to join

Andrew

Rob Andrew, the Newcastle

technical director, yesterday

confirmed that two Scottish in-

ternationals, the scrum-half

Gary Armstrong and the lock

Doddie Weir, have signed reg-

istration forms. The pair joined

the England wing Tony Under-

wood, whose return to the

North-east was leaked by

Leicester yesterday, as New-

"We are still looking at the

personal situation regarding jobs etc for Gary and Doddie." Andrew said. "but I am confi-

dent they will be playing for us by the end of the season. "It

shows the quality we are aiming to bring to Newcastle. We

have now signed something

like eight internationals, which shows that we mean business.

John Hall, whose side are bottom of the Second Division. "I

think realistically we are going

to stay up this season. Then -

like Newcastle United - next

season we will go for it. We are

vision clubs and some were ag-

grieved at what we were trying

to do with a chequebook. But for

years they have come to this re-

gion and taken players away

when we could not afford to give

them jobs, a car or money. Now

the boot is on the other foot." Underwood denied he was

regressing. "I have not written

est, and Weir, who is at Melrose,

will only be available for the fi-

nal four games if they make

their signings permanent. Armstrong, who hopes to win back

his Scottish place after a seri-

ous knee injury, said: "Doddie

and I have been impressed, but

"I met some of the First Di-

in the game long-term.

"We will be a force," said Sir

castle's latest recruits.

Joynt makes right moves at The Stoop

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD London Broncos

St Helens

For the first 10 minutes at The Stoop Memorial ground, St Helens would have agreed that the London Broncos moves are too difficult to fol-

In their last four home games, using the term home in its broadest sense, the Broncos have left their hoofprints at a football ground in West London, an athletics stadium in North London, another football ground in south-east London and, last and most the position, Paul Hauff, would disorientating of all, the Har- be tall enough to jump in the lequins home deep in the heart of Twickenham.

Small wonder that the radio station which promises the most exhaustive coverage of the a try to keep the margin re-Broncos' comings and goings is Nomad FM.

Considering that the Broncos had won the three previous games of their London travels and they had enjoyed a between them to account for nice warm-up against Óldham at The Valley, a ground that does not appear to be the answer to their quest for a permanent home, on Friday night, they could have been expected to start well.

The Stoop's wide open spaces thus the perfect opportunity for to take a 12-0 lead within 10 a bit of comeback. minutes.

Unfortunately, St Helens found the acreage even more inviting, embarking on a retaliatory scoring spree of 38 points in an astonishing 18-minute burst.

That inspired spell began with three tries created by Chris Joynt, getting rather more change out of these Australians than he had in a Referee: A Bates (Workington).

cameo appearance in the World Cup final at Wembley on Saturday, and including a 13-minute hat-trick by An-

thony Sullivan. Chris McKenna completed Broncos' hat-trick after the break, but Bobbie Goulding. who is angling for a crack at rugby union and might fancy the environment even more after this, kept Saints in control with a try to go with his seven

It was a shame from a curiosity point of view that the Namibian full-back Andre Stoop did not remain a Bronco long enough to play at The

the position, Paul Hauff, would middle of the line-out and looked thoroughly at home leaping to take Leo Dynevor's kick to send in Mark Riley for

Hauff also went over for a try of his own as the two sides, aided by some less than decisive defence totalled enough tries most of a Courage League sea-

One final gripe. I had been reliably informed that The Stoop was dingy, drab and depressing - all the things that interlopers traditionally say about Start well they did, exploiting most rugby league grounds and

Sad to say, it seemed perfectly pleasant; still, it depends what you're used to.

London Broncos: Hauff; Riley, McKerna, Meyer (Green, 58), Cochrane, Walker, Dynevor: Mestro: (Prit, 57), O'Donnell (Langer, 57), Shae, Kooling (Bowden, 24) Gelf, Matterson.

St Helens: Prescott; Hayes, Northey, Loughtin, Sullivan (Haigh, 75); Hammond, Goulding, Perelini (Fogeny, 3), Cuntingtiam, Dwyer, Matautia (Morley, 56). Joynt (Matautia, 69).

procession fails to impress

now have hardly any of the play-

Evans, the one player of dis-tinction still left, lasted all of six

The upshot of this mass de-

minutes vesterday.

STEVE BALE

Cardiff, the Fijians may care to beuseful therapy 10 days before they play Wales but, astonishing to relate, they contrived to look ordinary even in running up their 70 points and 11 tries.

Brad Johnstone, their techthe number of times he was dri-

ven to distraction in the Oval grandstand. As an ex-All Black, he is striving to improve his Dream". It has become a night-pupils habits in technique and mare. Treorchy have fallen Fiji's biggest score and biggest

After defeats by Neath and could well have scored a hunlieve their visit to the Rhondda was for Treorchy as well. The valley such credit a year ago. David

nical adviser, gave it away with

ordinary achievement as comdecision-making, and plainly is apart so completely that not win in the British Isles, eclips-

Harsh reality is that they good as they were then, they dred - which is a harsh reality ers who were performing with club were in the Third Division when the Welsh league started and in the five subsequent years have gone from that relative obscurity to qualify for this fixture by finishing third in the First Di-

fection has been a calamitous start to their second First Di-They proclaimed this extra-seven games which have left Tre-

pletion of the first phase in "The And now this. For what it was eeding, only are they nothing like as ing the 31-0 by which they beat Swansea in 1973.

But for all the wild passes and knock-ons, it would have been a procession and it was more or less one-way as it was. Treorchy's tackling was never strong enough to withstand the Fijians once they had put together two or three passes, and their tries - one by Andrew Thomas, the other by Carl Hammans - were more consolation than tokens

orchy in penultimate place. of resistance as the Fijians rattled up five in the first half and six in the second.

Treorety: Tries Thomas, Hammans, Convensions Lloyd 2. Filt Tries Bolobolo 3, Roko-tulwer 2, Nathusu, Waga, McLernan, Rouse, Bale, Bogsa; Conversions Waga 6; Penal-

Niall Woods sent Leinster on

their way to a 21-24 Pool C win

in Guiriati vesterday over a Mi-

lan side for whom the normal-

ly reliable Diego Dominguez

missed eight kicks at goal.

Manater: Titles P Manay, R Wallace; Penalty Smith
Conversions Smith 2: Swanshes: Try A Harris
Passables A Wilders 2: Conversion Wilsers.

off my international future," he said. "I still want to play for England." The former stockbroker will also have a role in youth development Armstrong, now at Jed-For-

ty Waqa.
Treonethy: D Lloyd; A Hames, C Hecker, R Mor-gen, A Lewis; D Evans, C Hammans; M Smith, A Thomas, M Powell, A Gregory, A Freeman, N Jones, I Davies, G Owen (capit), Replace-ments: for D Evans (W Booth, 6; C Rees, 70), for A Hamies (S Eggar, 25), for N Jones (D Owen, 51).

(D Owen, 51).

Fig. J Wara, (Nadroga): P Bala (Carcerbury).

S Serovatid (Mellington). W Relectuivivie (Rave), E Bolobola (Rova): R Boglas (Noti), J McLesman (Auckland); J Veitayald (King Country, capt), E Batimase (Nadroga), E Nathalya (Suza), A Nadrolo (Suza), E Katalasu (Puerty Bay), I Tawake (Nadroga), D Rouse (Nad), W Massirewa (Counties), Replacements: S Vonetagi (Suxa) for Tawake, 50.

TODAY'S NUMBER

of my young family."

130

The speed in miles per hour that the powerboat Big Expo was travelling when it soun out. of control and sank during practice for the Dubai Grand Prix yesterday. The two-man crew of the 43ft catamaran were shaken but unhurt.

CCPR sacks Lawson

Sports politics

Peter Lawson, general secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, has been dismissed for "gross misconduct" after a three-month investigation into allegations of financial irregularity and improper conduct. Lawson had held the position since 1971. His son, Christopher, the council's senior development

officer, has also been sacked. A CCPR statement said: "Many of the allegations related to the activities of a compa-

ny. Sport and Leisure Com-munications Ltd (SLC), of Lawson were the sole directors and shareholders. Following an extensive investigation, and in the absence of a satisfactory explanation as to the allegations against them, the disciplinary inquiry resulted in the dismissal of both for gross misconduct."

The inquiry was conducted by the council's chairman, Robert Pettigrew, and deputy chairman, Keith Smith. They worked throughout with forensic accountants and solicitors.

Munster which Peter and Christopher

DAVID HUGHES

Munster in Thomond Park at the end of October is no place to take a relatively raw and inexperienced team, never mind a team of the All Blacks' quality as they discovered 17 years ago almost to the day. But the All Whites of Swansea nearly stole an unlikely victory against the malfunctioning provincial lead after they had elected to lrish champions in Pool D of the play into the first-half breeze.

Budi Kusuma, the second seed and a gold medallist at the

1992 Olympics, demolished the Australian Murry Hocking

15-3, 15-2 in the first round.

donesia and Poul-Erik Hoyer-

Larsen of Denmark, the joint

third seeds, also advanced eas-

ily. Susanto defeated Taiwan's

Liu En-horng 15-7, 15-11,

while Hoyer-Larsen crushed

Hermawan Susanto of In-

European Cup yesterday until the full-back Pat Murray intervened with a match-winning try in the 77th minute. Baden Evans, the Swansea

manager, expressed himself "delighted" with his young team's performance, heralding the debutant full-back Gary Thomas, but "very disappointed" with the result. The source of Evans's disappointment emanated from the 18th minute Richard Wallace try, which gave Munster a crucial 7-6 interval

The Swansea manager reckoned that the referee, Ed Morrisson, should have awarded a scrum when the official was briefly taken out by John Fitzgerald's charge, though in truth outside-half Aled Williams

Murray proves Munster match-winner

was the primary culprit when failing to find touch after gathering Kenny Smith's short penalty.

In any event scrum-half David O'Mahoney out through for Paul Burke to put Wallace over, Smith converting. Either side of this Williams landed 15th and 40thminute penalties to keep Swansea in touch, before Smith

Williams converting.
Cue the inevitable Munster siege. Burke orchestrated a dummy scissors and Murray the line. Smith converted.

with a 42nd-minute penalty.

A one-dimensional Munster

made little of their wind assist-

ed third-quarter territorial su-

premacy. Swansea hung in and

struck nearing the hour mark when Roddy Boobyer broke a

tackle and put Alan Harris in,

had enough momentum in breaking a tackle to stagger over A brilliant second-half try by

Penalties A Wildens 2; Conversion Wilsens.

Munistar: P Munisty (Shermon, capt); R Wallace,
D Larkin (both Garnyoweni; P Burke, D O'Mahony (both Cort. Cont.); H Tespienald (Young Munister).
T Magiston (Dolphin), P Claibeesy (Y Munister). M
Gallwey (Shannon), G Felicher (Cort. Con.); E Halvey,
A Folley (both Shermon), D Corleany (Germun). Replacement: B Toleval (Old Cessent) for Halvey, 32.
Swenness: G Thomas. A Harms. B Roother (D

extended Munster's lead to 10-6 Ireland's international wing

SPORTING DIGEST

His fellow Indonesian, Alan

Yobes Ordieki, the former world 10,000 metres record holder, will make his marathon debut at the Fukuoka

Tim Witherspoon, who is looking for a chance to regain the world heavyweight title at the age of 37, overcame a stuggish start to record a seventh-round stop-Gary Sheffield, the Florida Marlins out-

fielder, has escaped serious injury af-ter being shot in the left shoulder during what he described as an attempted rob-bery. The 26-year-old was treated and released from a fampa hospital on Monday night. Police are baffled by the in-cident: "There doesn't seem to be any reason at all," one of their officers said.
"According to Mr Sheffield, he was just sitting at the light with his window up and someone came up and just shot him through the vehicle."

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP send-finel series, Group A: Irakis (Gr) 91 Antibes (Fr) 71 match on Wednesday.

Cricket

Cricket

New South Wales took control of the first day of their Sheffield Shield match against Victoria yesterday with the spin duo, Greg Matthews and David Freedman, sharing seven wickets. Matthews took 4 for 52 as Victoria slumped to 158 all out, while Freedman gave valuable support to firish with 3 for 19. At close of play New South Wales were 59 for 1, 99 runs in anears, with Mark Taylor unbeaten on 21 alongside nightwatchman Phil Emery on eight.

Cycling
TOUR OF CHINA Fourth stage (76km, Shanghal): 1. D Naxon (Fr) 1hr 37mm 15sc; 2.1P Heynedrico (Bei); 3 A Pois (Ba); 4 F Colorus (IU; 5 R Ventura (US); 6 F Rodriguz (US); 7 G Neto (Sp); 8 A Cataolan (IU; 9 R Perez (Sp); 10 M McCentry (IUS) all same time. Leading overall placings (after four stages); 1. D Naxon + Thr 24min 44sc; 2 S Hegg (IUS) +0.02; 4 D Nardello (II) +0.04; 5 N Ahm (US) +0.02; 4 D Nardello (II) +0.04; 5 N Ahm (US) +0.05; 8 T Hamilton (US) +0.10; V Elimov (Rus); A Chrurato (IU; P Gaumont (Fr) all same time.

Football

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND SQUAD (European Charaptonship Group Six v Portugal, Lishon, 15 November): A Kelly (Sneffield Utt), Bonner (Catic); Irwin (Marchester Utg), G Kelly (Lecis), Kenne (Blackburn), McGrath (Aston Vita), Bebb (Liverpool), Phalas (Marchester City), Staumton (Aston Vita), McGrath (Marchester City), McKeer (Liverpool), Keane (Marchester City), McKeer (Liverpool), Keane (Marchester City), McKeer (Liverpool), Keane (Marchester City), McKenschol, McLaughlin (Portsmouth), D Kelly (Sunderlend), Quinn (Manchester City), Aldridge (Transmers), Coyne (Mothernell), Cascolin (Marchester Peston to Incoln (Joan), Jonathan Whiteepy (Lil-Soo); Gareth Alisaworth (md-fielder) Preston to Incoln (Joan), Jonathan Whiteepy (Lil-Soo); Careth Alisaworth (Marchester City), Marchester (Lincoln (Joan), Jonathan Whiteepy (Lil-Soo); Careth Alisaworth (Marchester), Lincoln (Joan), Tilessavy (Lilandersfield to Lincoln (Joan), T

Curzon Astrion 2 Atherton I.R 3; Eastwood Town 1 Harmogata Town 1; Lancaster o Fleetwood 1; Rancaste Borough 1 Anahron United 1. Challenge Cup second-round replayer Frickley 3 Brodword Park Anerue 1; Marine 4 Chorley 2 Beozer Hannes League Dr Mertens Cup first round second legis Astriord 1 Tombridge 1 (agg 4-6); Baidock 1 Bury Town 1 (agg 3-3); Bethworth 0 Hanckey Town 1 (agg 0-1); Braintree 0 Buckingham Town 0 (agg 0-1); Braintree 0 Buckingham 1 (agg 6-1); Round 1 (agg 6-1); Hown 1 (agg 0-1); Hown 1 (agg 3-2); Hown 1 (agg 6-1); Moor Green 4 Racing Warnetch 0 (agg 6-1); Newport Iou 1 Weterfoordin 3 (agg 6-1); Newport Iou 1 Weterfoordin 3 (agg 6-1); Newport Iou 1 (agg 6-1); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Studey 1 (agg 6-3); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Studey 1 (agg 6-3); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Hown 1 Cammidge Chy 3 (agg 2-4); Studey 1 (agg 6-3); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Hown 1 Cammidge Chy 3 (agg 2-4); Studey 1 (agg 6-3); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Hown 1 (agg 6-1); Hown 1 (agg 6-1); Rounded 1 (agg 6-1); Hown 1 (agg 6-1);

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Rugby League Salford have transfer-listed Phil Ford, the former Great Britain winger, at £30,000. Ford has told the First Division club he is returning to South Wales and has been inhed with a return to Cardiff rugby union club, who signed Jonathan Davies from Warrington on Tuesday, if Ford returns to rugby union, Şaiford will seek com-

Rugby Union FIVE NATIONS EUROPEAN CUP Pool C: Mitan 21 Leinster 24, Pool D (Thomand Pk, Limerick) Murister 17 Swarsea 13. CIS TOUR MATCH: Treorchy 14 Fiji 70.

ICUR MATCH: New Zealand 34 French Bar-banans 19, REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Surrey 15 Mid-dieses 13; Someraet 21 Dorset and Write 15. TEP-EX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Cam-bridgeshare 17 Essex 39; Norfolk 24 Suffolk 14. CLUB MATCH: Percy Park 3 Newcastle 3.

Snooker ROTHMANS GRAND PRIX (Marsascala, Malta): A Borg (Malta) bt N Bond (Eng) 5-4; J Higgins (Sco) bt S Camilieri (Malta) 5-0.

England's Peter Marshall, who has been battling against chronic fatigue since losing to Jansher Khan in the final of the British Open in Cardiff seven

WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1 / Khan (Pak); 2

open yesterfay. Sampras, the Wim-bledon and US Open champlon and favourite at this burnament, took only 72 minutes to crush Boetsch in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

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ot is Maleoue (Bull 6-4 6-2; 1 Lee (US) of K Novak (Pol) 6-1 4-6 6-4; Albier (US) bt M Grybowska 6-4 6-2; V Ruemo-Pascual (Sp) bt P Eagerow (Gen) 6-0 6-3; M Tu (US) bt E Car-lens (Bel) 6-3 6-0; S Stofford (US) bt J Hussro-ve (Slovak) 6-4 8-4; R Stubbs (Aus) bt M J Gardono (Arg) 6-2 7-6.

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we have only signed registration forms so far. We have got to sit down and negotiate. I have to think about my future and that

Garrison tries to take

advantage

Zina Garrison Jackson and Irina Spirlea made it clear that they intend to take advantage of Monica Seles' withdrawal from the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland, California, with firstround victories yesterday.

Seles, the joint world No 1,

pulled out with tendinitis in her left knee. "I came here early to practice, hoping that a few days would get my knee used to this surface. Unfortunately, it made the problem worse, so I must withdraw," she said. Garrison served and volleyed her way to a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Venezuela's Maria Vento. The 31-year-old American

will now be spared the expect-

ed second-round thrashing by Seles and will instead face her doubles partner, Katrina Adams. Spiries, who had been scheduled to face Seles in the quarter-finals, beat Japan's Kyoko Nagatsuka 6-2, 6-3. The 21-year-old Romanian world No 22 will now meet another Japanese player, Ai Sugiyama, in the next round. Elsewhere. Pam Shriver, 33, crushed Japan's Yone Kamio 6-2, 6-1.

Arbi eases his way back

The Indonesian world No 1, Heryanto Arbi, breezed through two rounds of the Hong Kong Open yesterday after recovering

ond round by default because of the absence of Todor Velkov of Bulgaria. Arbi now faces Den-

mark's Peter Rasmussen.

12,0911 Warrington (8) 14 Halifex (4) 18. Warring-ton: Tries Cullen, Hough, Goals lestyn Har-ris 3. Halifact Tries Perier, Limega, Goals John Schuster 4, (7,179)

from a knee injury. Arbi, the top seed and defending champion, took less than 30 minutes to beat Malaysia's Lo Ah Heng 15-6, 15-9 in the first round. He then had a 15-2, 15-3 win over China's Chen Huang, who was in the sec-

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

STONES CENTENARY CHAMPIONSHIP Bradford (4) 12 Castleford (18) 4, Bradford Tries Paul 2, Goals Fox 2, Castleford: Tries Goddard, Nikau, Tony Smith, Goals Goddard 3, (5,008) London Broncos (12) 34 St Heiens (38) 50.
London:Tries McKerna 3, Hauff, Matterson, Ries, Goals Director 5. St Heiens Tries Annors Sulkeri 3, Bustly, K Curvingham, Fogerty, Goulding Loughin, Prescott, Boaks Goulding 7, 11,551 Oldhem (3) 30 Workington (16) 26. Oldhem Tries Altern 2. Gibson, Hill, Leule, Mislorey, Goals Meloney 3. Workingtons Tries Camp-bell 2, Fawcell, Lvett. Goals Marwood 5. 12,0911

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Graig Booley, of Australia, 15-4, 15-2. Hoyer-Larsen then went on to beat Chang Jengshyuang, of Taiwan, for a thirdround place.

Kinghton. Goals Leeds 2. (2,029)
Whitbhaven (16) 35 Downbury (2) 8. Whitbhaven: Tries Seeds 2, Anderson, Cassy, Edwards, Fisher, Smith. Goals Fenion 3. Drop C Haver, Develoury: Tries Boogness. Goals Agar 2. (1,004)
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SECOND DIVISION
PREVIOUS (12) 26 Remove (10) 20. Brantley:

Salford (8) 40 Waterfield (6) 12. Salford: Tries Blackley 2, Motory 2, Edwards, Pana-pa, Goals Blakeley B. Waterfield: Tries Grigs, Knighton. Goals Leeds 2, (2,029) Williamson (16) 35 December (7) 9, Water-

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Tries C Brown, Eastwood, Goals M Fletcher 2. Carlisle: Tries Lynch, Maruhera. Goals Richardson 3. (1,420)

Marathon in Japan on 3 December Last year another Kenyan 10,000m world chempion, Moses Tenut, switched to the marathon in the hope of wnning a place in the Kenyan team for next year's At-

Basketball

nesser Pressor to Lincon (cont.) Jonathan will-nesty full-back Huddersfield to Lincon (com).

THESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Usefa Cup second round second leg? Eondracht Asis O Rome O (agg C -4); Olympasker Prenus 2 Serifie 1 (soc. agg 2-2; Seelle uin on away goats); Gurmarist O Bercetone 4 (sgg O-7), FA Cartsberg Vaste first,-round replays; Wateal Wood O Derlaston 1; Recheel Hearth 1 Wooton Blue Cross 2; Woodbridge 2 Stournariet 1. Hejes O. Frest Di-visions: Ubbridge O Martienhead O. Second Divisions: Hungariord 1 Metropolium Police 3. Guardism Insurance Cap second round: Che-sham 2. Aylesbury 3 (seel); Wolungsam O Banssend 3. Sehorio Stouton 3 Steines 1; Bron-ley 3 Boretham Wood 3; Hendon O Croydon 1; Helybridge Swifts 4 Balencay 3; Sutton Utd O Histhia 1; Wording J. Enflets 4. Carthan Tre-play first rounds Aueley 6 Harlow 2; Bracentii 1 Hostham C. Hertfard O East Thurock 2 Southal 3 Seffion Waten 1; Wingste and Finchey O Hare-field 1; Wintern 1 (Legton 4; Westhor 5 Homonuch 2, UndBond Lengue Premier Di-vision: Galinsborough O Hyde O. First Division:

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runner-up in Barcelona last year, has WORLD RANGHESS: Ment 1 J Man (Pak); 2
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Pete Sampras, the former world No 1, beat Amaud Boetsch, the local favourite who is ranked 16th in the world, in his opening match at the prestigious Park

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'The outcome may be the realisation of Tyson and his associates that there is no future in staging contests that so obviously insult the public's perception' Ken Jones on the consequences of Mike Tyson's thumb injury

Carling remains in charge amid the changes

STEVE BALE

Far from his leadership position being under any threat, Will Carling emerged yesterday from his months of tribulation with his position as England captain intact, not only against South Africa at Twickenham on 18 November but also for the Five Nations' Championship that follows in the new year.

Whether or not he was offered the captaincy in August as he said at the time but Jack Rowell, the manager, later denied when the Rugby Football

therefore become immaterial. reshaped by reintroducing a right wing by Tony Underthough that episode was an embarrassment all parties could have done without. Yesterday and aborting the Ben Clarke ex-Carling said: "It's something that I never take for granted."

Carling will preside over a changed team, with both Brian Moore and Dean Richards dropped and neither even making the bench. Indeed the 33year-old Moore is discarded so completely that the hooker on the beach is a 36-year-old who unlike Moore had not been in the squad this season. Graham Dawe.

Mark Regan, 23, the Bristol hooker, will win his first cap in Moore's stead. The back row is ner, with the vacancy left on the

genuine open-side in Andy Robinson, last capped in 1989, periment by returning him to No 8 in preference to Richards.

The retirements of Rob Andrew and Dewi Morris also entailed a reshaping of the back division. Rowell is not satisfied that David Pears is ready to succeed Andrew, so Mike Catt moves to outside-half, which entails the return of a goal-kick-ing full-back, even if Jonathan Callard is not quite the strike runner Rowell keeps saying he needs. Kyran Bracken is restored as Catt's half-back partwood's and Ian Hunter's injuries being filled by a centre, Dami-

The captaincy stays with Car-

ling on the basis of his exceptional form this season as well as the absence of any obvious alternative. "In my time Will has improved as captain," Rowell

International teams

ENGLAND (v South Africa, Twickenham, 18 Nov): J Catlard (Bath); D Hopley (Wasps), W Carling (Harlequins, capt), J Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); M Catt (Bath), K Bracken (Bristol); J Leonard (Harlequins), M Regan (Bristol), V Ubogu (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), M Bayfield, T Rodber (Northampton), B Clarke, A Robinson (Bath). Replacements: P de Glanville (Bath), D Pears (Herlequins), M Dawson (Northampton), G Rowntree (Leocester), G Dawe (Bath), L Dallagilo (Wasps) SCOTLAND (v Western Samoa, Murrayfield, 18 Nov): R Shepherd (Mel rose); M Dods, G Townsend, (Northampton), G Shiel (Mekrose), K Logan (Striing County); C Chaimers, B Redpath (Mekrose); D Hilton (Bath), J Hay (Hawick), A N Other, D Cronin (Bourges), G Weir (Mekrose), R Weinwright (West Hardepool, capt), S Reid (Boroughmuir), I Smith (Gloucester).

said generously yesterday. "He relaunched his form again this 1999 World Cup, Rowell still has season and his leadership qualities are undiminished. But it was important to stop and think after the World Cup.

The manager is not neces-sarily ruling Moore out of his future plans; the South Africa game may show him to be needed. But after 64 caps since 1987, the discarded hooker has few crumbs of managerial comfort. "He asked me if he had an international future," Rowell said. "He does have a future but England are also looking to the future with a younger man." As Carling has said he does

a captain to find. Scotland's selectors have already identified theirs to succeed Gavin Hastings, who like Andrew has retired from international rugby. Rob Wainwright was an obvious

Wainwright, shortly to return to Edinburgh Academicals after a season and a bit with West Hartiepool, will lead a side containing three new caps against Western Samoa at Murrayfield on 18 November. Most notably, the Meirose full-back Rowan Shepherd has the onerous responsibility of filling the former

McKenzie injured, the longserving Hawick hooker Jim Hay is Ken Milne's successor, and Stuart Reid, Boroughmuir's inform No 8, finally gets his chance alongside Wainwright Replacements will not be

named until after the Scotland A v Samoa match on 12 November, with tight-head prop being left open pending the re-suit of Peter Wright's disciplinary hearing. The Boroughmuir captain was dismissed against Edinburgh Accies last Saturday for abusing the referee.

CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Juventus pick off despairing Scots at will while Warsaw bring Rovers' European interest to an end

Another night of humiliation for Rangers

Then, after 16 minutes, the

scored with ease.

irge Italian community.

It got worse. Rangers, already

hamstrung by injuries and suspension, now lost Stephen

Wright with injury. However,

the change proved beneficial as

Ian Durrant came on and al-

most sparked an equaliser with

appointing, with Vialli spending

most of it impersonating Greg

Louganis while Rangers strug-

Rangers' plight deepened at the interval with Billy Thomson

being forced to replace Goram

gled to fine their rhythm.

Rangers

Rangers' Champions' League campaign descended further into ignominy last night as they were humiliated in their Ibrox stronghold by Juventus. The Italian champions did not even appear to extend themselves as they picked off the Glasgow club

Rangers held their own for an hour, conceding just a soft goal to Alessandro Del Piero after 16 minutes. But Juventus then struck through Moreno Torricelli before late goals from Fabrizio Ravanelli and Giancarlo Marocchi – from 35 yards - left Rangers in despair.

In Turin a fortnight ago Juventus had started with alacrity. the area for the return which bringing two excellent saves from Andy Goram within the opening a fine defensive header from minute. Rangers never recovered Torricelli. sure and were hammered 4-1. They were thus keen to start strongly last night. They did so but, despite gaining an the edge in possession, failed to create any early chances although Moreno Torricelli was booked after being pressured into a bad foul on Salenko.

in goal. He was quickly tested **Graham dropped by BBC**

George Graham, the former monies, BBC Radio announced Arsenal manager, has lost his job as a football summariser on BBC Radio Five Live, Graham, sacked by Arsenal last February and banned for a year in July after being found guilty of misconduct by a Football Association disciplinary commission, has since been working in the media.

But two days after admitting in the Sun newspaper that he received £140,500 in transfer to Highbury.

working on the network again.

and Premier League announced he was unlikely to face further action over his admissions. money, which he then paid to Hauge, after the transfers of John Jensen and Pal Lyderson

that Graham would not be

This comes a day after the FA Graham admitted receiving Arsenal, from an agent, Rune

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world fell in on Rangers' hopes diving low to save Di Livio's header after Gianluca Pessotto had crossed from the left.

as they conceded a soft goal to Del Piero. Angelo Di Livio curled in a gentle cross but, af-ter Gordan Petric misjudged it, the ball fell to Del Piero who The incident at last spurred Rangers and, within a minute, they went even closer from successive Durrant corners. The bulk of the stadium. From the first Richard Gough which had been throbbing with brought an excellent save from noise, fell silent. The exception Angelo Peruzzi (his first of the night). From the second Petric was the small band of travelling supporters who had been heavily supplemented by Glasgow's

hit the post.
With the crowd roaring anew
Rangers tore into their illustrious opponents. Even Paul Gascoigne, who was having a quiet game, became involved but his free-kick barely extended Peruzzi. Juventus then roused themselves again, and killed off the Scottish champions with minutes left.

his first touch. The midfield player found Miller in space on Gianluca Vialli found Torrithe right before sprinting into celli on the overlap, the full-back cut inside Gary Bollan and was just taken off his brow by swept into the box before neatly shooting past Thomson.

Rangers should have thieved an instant riposte. Brown, relying more on heart than technique, launched himself forward before slipping an intelligent pass to Miller. The youngster looked yards offside. so much so that he must have been waiting for the whistle for he hesitated before allowing Peruzzi the chance to make a good

By the end Juventus were playing with Rangers and, with their fans boldly chanting "Celtic", Ravanelli went clear to score a third and then Marocchi struck the fourth.

Rangers (3-5-1-1): Goram (Thomson, h-t); Petric, Gough, Brown; Winght (Durrart, 24), Ferguson, Mc/2all, Gascolgne, Boltan; Maller (McCost, 691; Salenha, Juventus (4-4-2): Penuzz; Torricelli, Carrera, Porrui (Fenura, 78), Pessoto: Di Uwo, Contes, Sousa, Tacchinarth (Marocch, 73); Vialli (Rarareh, 69), Del Piero. ree: A Cakar (Turkey).

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All fall down: Rangers' Charlie Miller and Juventus' Moreno Torricelli during the Italians' 2-0 win at Ibrox last night

Blackburn squander their last opportunity

Legia Warsaw

Blackburn's brush with the European élite, a relationship they never embraced whole-heartedly, will not be extended beyond the first phase of the Champions' eague. This draw at Ewood Park ended a run of three defeats, but even in the unlikely event of their winning the final two Group B fixtures, results against Legia mean they cannot

overtake last night's opponents. Incredibly, Alan Shearer had the best opportunity of the game in the final minute. Maciej Szczesny denied him at pointblank range, and Blackburn's illstarred odyssey was over.

News of Spartak Moscow's rout of Rosenborg, coupled with Blackburn's recent improved form, helped to generate a surprisingly upbeat mood among the faithful. The atmosphere initially inspired a positive response from the home side, with Shearer the inevitable focus of their threatening movements.

Perhaps equally predictably,

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breakthrough, the first opening arriving in the eighth minute. Legia failed to clear a corner, and when the ball was returned Shearer's back-header reached Colin Hendry six yards out. The Scot's volley was fiercely struck, but straight at Szczesny, while two later headers by Hendry narrowly cleared the crossbar.

Legia soon served notice of their counter-attacking potential. Leszek Pisz, whose ability to find space and hit damaging passes was reminiscent of that displayed by Auxerre's Corentin Martins at Nottingham the previous evening, released Jacek er. But Blackburn struggled to Bednarz on the left. Although his low cross fell invitingly for Tomasz Wieszczycki, be mysteriously elected to lay the ball off to a worse-placed colleague. Jerzy Podbrozny, Legia's match-winner in Poland a fortnight earlier, connected well enough only for Tim Flowers to

dive and parry the shot. Shearer, taking David Batty's centre first-time on the volley, then came within inches of a goal, though it was apparent that Ray Harford needed to devise ways of pressuring the stand-in weeper, Zbigniew Mandziejewicz, whose poise ensured that the suspended Jacek Zielinski was

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it was from set-pieces that Blackburn came closest to a first-half FOOTBALL RESULTS

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Lars Bohinen might have done the job, but he is ineligible, and the only half-time change saw Podbrozny withdrawn from the fray. Bohinen's deputy, Paul Warhurst, hooked a long-range shot over, but he was having enough trouble escaping the attentions of Marcin Jalocha without being able to get forward and

ruffle the libero's composure. The signs were there, particularly when Szczesny weakly punched out a centre he could have caught one-handed, that Legia might succumb to the aerial strength of Hendry or Shearset up the requisite stream of crosses, and would have been embarrassed on the break had Grzegorz Lewandowski not fired feebly wide on the hour.

The introduction of a less than fully fit Graeme Le Saux was an indication of Blackburn's desperation, yet it had the effect of lifting spirits. Almost immediately. Shearer nearly forced Radoslaw Michalski into an own goal.

Blackburn Rowers (4-4-2): Flowers: Berg. Pearce, Hendry, Kennay Rotey, Warhurs: (Le Saux, 60), Sherwood, Batty; Shearer, Newell (Sutton, 74).

Legia Wersew (1-2-5-21: Szczesny Mandzejewicz Joanek, Michelek; Lewandows W. Pisz, Jakotra (Mosar, 64), Wieszczyck, Bed natz, Staruek, Podbrozny (Kucharsk, h-t).

Spartak take place in the **quarter-finals**

Spartak Moscow claimed the first quarter-final place in the Champions' League yesterday when they overwhelmed Rosenborg 4-1 to maintain a 100 per cent record of four wins in Group B.

A header by Valery Shmarov in the first minute got the Russians off to a flying start against the Norwegian champions. Yuran drove home the second after 10 minutes and in the 20th minute he set up defender Ilya Tsymbalar to score the third.

Andrei Tikhonov wrapped the game up in the 80th minute before Karl-Petter Locken scored a consolation for Rosenborg in the last minute.

Founders. Worth going the extra mile for.

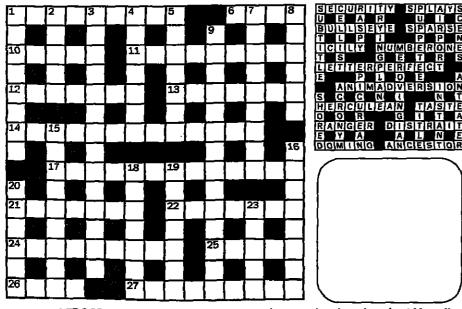




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Bird hacked ice to pieces

deliver condemnation (14) Reconstituted panel met a Hazardous substance most advisable to put in a

Cat, old cat, originally one omitted by poet? (6) Traditional house soldier's erected on bog (5)

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